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to the period immediately preceding
the Conquest by Joshua.

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Simyrit
Zemarites
(R. Eleutherus)
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JOSHUA.

I. Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, [2] Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel. [3] Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. [4] From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. [5] There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. [6] Be strong and of a good courage: for *unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. [7] Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest *prosper whithersoever thou goest. [8] This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate

* Or, *thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land, &c.*

* Or, *do wisely.*

therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt *have good success. [9] Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

*Or, do wisely.

[10] Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, [11] Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

[12] And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, [13] Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. [14] Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren *armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them; [15] until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

*Heb. *marshalled by five.*

[16] And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. [17] According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. [18] Whosoever *he be* that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words

in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

II. And Joshua the son of Nun *sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rabab, and *lodged there. [2] And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country. [3] And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. [4] And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they *were:* [5] and it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. [6] But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. [7] And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

[8] And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; [9] and she said unto the men, I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land *faint because of you. [10] For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. [11] And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, neither *did

Or, *had sent.*

Heb. *lay.*

Heb. *melt.*

Heb. *rose up.*

there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath. [12] Now, therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token: [13] and *that* ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

[14] And the men answered her, Our life *for your's, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee. [15] Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house *was* upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. [16] And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way. [17] And the men said unto her, We *will be* blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear. [18] Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt *bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee. [19] And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him. [20] And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear. [21] And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

* Heb. *instead of you to die.*

* Heb. *gather.*

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and
abode there three days, until the pursuers were re-
turned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all
the way, but found *them* not. 23 So the two men re-
turned and descended from the mountain, and passed
over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told
him all *things* that befell them: 24 and they said unto
Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands
all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the
country do *faint because of us. *Heb. melt.

III. And Joshua rose early in the morning; and
they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he
and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before
they passed over.

2 And it came to pass after three days, that the
officers went through the host; 3 and they commanded
the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the
covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the
Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your
place, and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space
between you and it, about two thousand cubits by
measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know
the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed
this way *heretofore. *Heb. since yesterday, and the third day.

5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify your-
selves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders
among you. 6 And Joshua spake unto the priests,
saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass
over before the people. And they took up the ark of
the covenant, and went before the people.

7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I
begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that
they may know that, as I was with Moses, *so* I will
be with thee. 8 And thou shalt command the priests
that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye

are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God. 10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God *is* among you, and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan. 12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. 13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, *that* the waters of Jordan shall be cut off *from* the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; 15 and as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 16 that the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that *is* beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

IV. And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, [2] Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, [3] and command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night. [4] Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: [5] and Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: [6] that this may be a sign among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* * in time to come, saying, What *mean* ye by these stones? [7] Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

* Heb. *to morrow.*

[8] And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. [9] And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

[10] For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that

the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over. [11] And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

[12] And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them: [13] about forty thousand *prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

*Or, ready armed.

[14] On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

[15] And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, [16] Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan. [17] Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan. [18] And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests' feet were *lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and *flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.

*Heb. *plucked up.*

*Heb. *went.*

[19] And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. [20] And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. [21] And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers *in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones? [22] Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry

*Heb. *to morrow.*

land. [23] For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: [24] that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God *for ever. *Heb. *all days.*

V. AND it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

[2] At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee *sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. [3] And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at *the hill of the foreskins. [4] And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. [5] Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised. [6] For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey. [7] And their children, *whom* he raised up

*Or, *knives of flints.*

*Or, *Gibeah-haaraloth.*

in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. 8 And it came to pass, *when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

*Heb. when the people had made an end to be circumcised.

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called *Gilgal unto this day.

*That is, rolling.

10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. 11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day. 12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but *as* *captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy. And Joshua did so. VI. Now Jericho *was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. 2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have

*Or, prince.

*Heb. did shut up, and was shut up.

given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour. [3] And ye shall compass the city, all *ye* men of war, *and* go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. [4] And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. [5] And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down *flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

Heb. *under it.*

[6] And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD. [7] And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD.

[8] And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. [9] And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the *rereward came after the ark, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

Heb. *gathering host.*

[10] And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor *make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. [11] So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

Heb. *make your voice to be heard.*

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the
priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13 And seven
priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before
the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew
with the trumpets: and the armed men went before
them; but the rereward came after the ark of the
LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the
trumpets. 14 And the second day they compassed the
city once, and returned into the camp: so they did
six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they
rose early about the dawning of the day, and com-
passed the city after the same manner seven times:
only on that day they compassed the city seven times.
16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the
priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the
people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.
17 And the city shall be *accursed, *even* it, and Or, *devoted.*
all that *are* therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the
harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the
house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.
18 And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the ac-
cursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when
ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of
Israel a curse, and trouble it. 19 But all the silver, and
gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* *con- Heb. *holiness.*
secrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the
treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with
the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people
heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people
shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down
*flat, so that the people went up into the Heb. *under it.*
city, every man straight before him, and they took
the city. 21 And they utterly destroyed all that *was*

in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

[22] But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her. [23] And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her *kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel. *Heb. families.

[24] And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

[25] And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

[26] And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it.

[27] So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country.

VII. BUT the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

[2] And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country.

And the men went up and viewed Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let *about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few. 4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. 5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and smote them *in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

*Heb. about 2000 men, or about 3000 men.

*Or, in Morad.

6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. 7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! 8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their *backs before their enemies! 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear *of it*, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

*Heb. necks.

10 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore *liest thou thus upon thy face? 11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except

*Heb. fallest.

ye destroy the accursed from among you. [13] Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. [14] In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families *thereof;* and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man. [15] And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought *folly in Israel. *Or, *wickedness.*

[16] So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken: [17] and he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: [18] and he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

[19] And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide *it* not from me. [20] And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: [21] when I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a *wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I *Heb. tongue.* coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are*

hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it. 23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and *laid them out before the LORD.

*Heb. poured.

24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger, wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of *Achor, unto this day.

*That is, *trouble.*

VIII. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land: 2 and thou shalt do to Ai and her king, as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.

3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall

lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready: [5] and I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them, [6] (for they will come out after us) till we have *drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them. [7] Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand. [8] And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, *that* ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.

* Heb. *pulled.*

[9] Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

[10] And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. [11] And all the people, *even the people* of war that *were* with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now *there was* a valley between them and Ai. [12] And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side *of the city.

* Or, *of Ai.*

[13] And when they had set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on the north of the city, and *their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

* Heb. *their lying in wait.*

[14] And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it*, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but

he wist not that *there were* liers in ambush against him behind the city. [15] And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. [16] And all the people that *were* in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. [17] And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

[18] And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city. [19] And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire. [20] And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no *power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. [21] And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai. [22] And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. [23] And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

[24] And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned

Heb. hand.

unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.
25 And *so* it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai. 26 For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. 27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD, which he commanded Joshua. 28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, *even* a desolation unto this day. 29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal, 31 as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. 32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

33 And all Israel, and their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark, and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the

law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law. [35] There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that *were conversant among them. *Heb. walked.

IX. And it came to pass, when all the kings which *were* on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *thereof;* [2] that they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one *accord. *Heb. mouth.

[3] And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, [4] they did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up; [5] and old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy. [6] And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

[7] And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you? [8] And they said unto Joshua, We *are* thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who *are* ye? and from whence come ye? [9] And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, [10] and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of

Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which *was* at Ashtaroth. [11] Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals *with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We *are* your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us. [12] This our bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy: [13] and these bottles of wine, which we filled, *were* new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

* Heb. *in your hand.*

[14] And *the men took of their victuals, and asked not *counsel* at the mouth of the LORD. [15] And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

* Or, *they received the men by reason of their victuals.*

[16] And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbours, and *that* they dwelt among them. [17] And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim. [18] And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

[19] But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them. [20] This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them. [21] And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of

water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

22 And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We *are* very far from you; when ye dwell among us? 23 Now therefore ye *are* cursed, and there shall *none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. 24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. 25 And now, behold, we *are* in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do. 26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. 27 And Joshua *made them that day hewers of wood, and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

* Heb. *not be cut off from you.*

* Heb. *gave*, or, *delivered to be.*

X. Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; 2 that they feared greatly, because Gibeon *was* a great city, as one of the *royal cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all the men thereof *were* mighty. 3 Wherefore Adoni-zedec king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may

* Heb. *cities of the kingdom.*

smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. [5] Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

[6] And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. [7] So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. [8] And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. [9] Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, *and* went up from Gilgal all night. [10] And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. [11] And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* more which died with hailstones than *they* whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

[12] Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, *stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. [13] And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. *Is* not this written in the

* Heb. *be silent.*

book of *Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. [14]And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel. [15]And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

[16]But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah. [17]And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah. [18]And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them: [19]and stay ye not, *but* pursue after your enemies, and *smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.

*Or, the upright.

*Heb. cut off the tail.

[20]And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest *which* remained of them entered into fenced cities. [21]And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

[22]Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave. [23]And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon. [24]And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. [25]And Joshua said unto them, Fear

not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. [26] And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. [27] And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, *that* Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

[28] And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.

[29] Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah: [30] and the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

[31] And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it: [32] and the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

[33] Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

[34] And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it,

and fought against it: [35] and they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

[36] And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it: [37] and they took it and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that *were* therein.

[38] And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it: [39] and he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

[40] So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded. [41] And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon. [42] And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel. [43] And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

XI. AND it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *those things*, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, [2] and to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth,

and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west, [3] *and to* the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and *to* the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and *to* the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh. [4] And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that *is* upon the seashore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. [5] And when all these kings were *met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

*Heb. *assembled by appointment.*

[6] And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. [7] So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them. [8] And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto *great Zidon, and unto *Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. [9] And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

*Or, *Zidon-rabbah.*

*Or, *saltpits.* Heb. *burnings.*

[10] And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. [11] And they smote all the souls that *were* therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them:* there was not *any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire. [12] And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the

*Heb. *any breath.*

LORD commanded. [13] But *as for* the cities that stood still *in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; *that* did Joshua burn. [14] And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe. [15] As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; *he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Heb. on their heap.

Heb. he removed nothing.

[16] So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same: [17] *even* from *the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

Or, the smooth mountain.

[18] Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. [19] There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all *other* they took in battle. [20] For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, *and* that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

[21] And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities. [22] There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

[23] So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

XII. Now these *are* the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east: [2] Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon; [3] and from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea on the east, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and from *the south, under *Ashdoth-pisgah: [4] and the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, [5] and reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. [6] Them did Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smite: and Moses the servant of the LORD gave it *for* a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

Or, *Teman.* Or, *the springs of Pisgah*, or, *the hill.*

[7] And these *are* the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir; which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel *for* a possession according to their divisions; [8] in the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and

in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which *is* beside Beth-el, one; 10 the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; 12 the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; 13 the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; 14 the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; 15 the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; 16 the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-el, one; 17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one; 18 the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one; 19 the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; 20 the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; 21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; 22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one; 23 the king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one; 24 the king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

XIII. Now Joshua was old *and* stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land *to be possessed. 2 This *is* the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri, 3 from Sihor, which *is* before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites: 4 from the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and *Mearah that *is* beside the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites: 5 and the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from

*Heb. *to possess it.*

*Or, *the cave.*

Baal-gad unto mount Hermon unto the entering into Hamath. [6] All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim, *and* all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

[7] Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh, [8] with whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them beyond Jordan eastward, *even* as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them; [9] from Aroer, that *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon; [10] and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon; [11] and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salcah; [12] all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out. [13] Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

[14] Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

[15] And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance* according to their families. [16] And their coast was from Aroer, that *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Medeba; [17] Heshbon, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; [18] Dibon, and * Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

* Or, *the high places of Baal, and the house of Baal-meon.*

and Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, [19] and Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar in the mount of the valley, [20] and Beth-peor, and *Ashdoth-pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, [21] and all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *which were* dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country. [22] Balaam also the son of Beor, the *soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them. [23] And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border *thereof.* This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

* Or, *springs of Pisgah, or, the hill.*

* Or, *diviner.*

[24] And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gad, *even* unto the children of Gad according to their families. [25] And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that *is* before Rabbah; [26] and from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir; [27] and in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, and the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the other side Jordan eastward. [28] This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

[29] And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half tribe of Manasseh: and *this* was *the possession* of the half tribe of the children of Manasseh by their families. [30] And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which *are* in Bashan, threescore cities: [31] and half

Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were pertaining* unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, *even* to the one half of the children of Machir by their families.

32 These *are the countries* which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

33 But unto the tribe of Levi, Moses gave not *any* inheritance: the LORD God of Israel *was* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

XIV. And these *are the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them. 2 By lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half tribe. 3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them. 4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell *in*, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance. 5 As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea. 7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart. 8 Nevertheless my bre-

thren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God. [9] And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God. [10] And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, ever since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel *wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *Heb. walked.* *am* this day fourscore and five years old. [11] As yet I *am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. [12] Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fenced: if so be the LORD *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

[13] And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance. [14] Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel. [15] And the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba; *which Arba was* a great man among the Anakims.

And the land had rest from war.

XV. *This* then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; *even* to the border of Edom; the wilderness of Zin southward *was* the uttermost part of the south coast.

[2] And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the *bay that looketh southward: *Heb. tongue.* [3] and it went out to the south side to *Maaleh- *Or, the going up to Acrabbim.*

acrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadesh-barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa: [4]*from thence* it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south coast.

[5] And the east border *was* the salt sea, *even* unto the end of Jordan.

And *their* border in the north quarter *was* from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan: [6]and the border went up to Beth-hogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben: [7]and the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before the going up to Adummim, which *is* on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at En-rogel: [8]and the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same *is* Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at the end of the valley of the giants northward: [9]and the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which *is* Kirjath-jearim: [10]and the border compassed from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim, which *is* Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah: [11]and the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out

unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

[12] And the west border *was* to the great sea, and the coast *thereof.*

This *is* the coast of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

[13] And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, *even* * the Or, *Kirjath-arba.* city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron. [14] And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak. [15] And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher. [16] And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. [17] And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. [18] And it came to pass, as she came *unto him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou? [19] who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land, give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

[20] This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

[21] And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, [22] and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, [23] and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan, [24] Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, [25] and Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor, [26] Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, [27] and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet, [28] and Hazar-shual,

and Beer-sheba, and Bizjothjah, [29] Baalah, and Iim, and Azem, [30] and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah, [31] and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, [32] and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities *are* twenty and nine, with their villages:

[33] *And* in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah, [34] and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, [35] Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, [36] and Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, * and Gede- Or, *or.* rothaim; fourteen cities with their villages: [37] Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad, [38] and Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, [39] Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, [40] and Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish, [41] and Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages: [42] Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, [43] and Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, [44] and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages: [45] Ekron with her towns and her villages: [46] from Ekron even unto the sea, all that *lay* * near Ashdod, with their villages; [47] Ashdod Heb. *by the place of.* with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border *thereof:*

[48] And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, [49] and Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which *is* Debir, [50] and Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim, [51] and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages: [52] Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean, [53] and Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah, [54] and Humtah, and Kirjath-arba, which *is* Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages: [55] Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah, [56] and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, [57] Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages: [58] Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor, [59] and Maarath,

and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon: six cities with their villages: [60] Kirjath-baal, which *is* Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages: [61] in the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah, [62] and Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities with their villages.

[63] As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

XVI. And the lot of the children of Joseph *fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jeri- *Heb. went forth.* cho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el, [2] and goeth out from Beth-el to Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth, [3] and goeth down westward to the coast of Japhleti, unto the coast of Beth-horon the nether, and to Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

[4] So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

[5] And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was *thus:* even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon the upper: [6] and the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah; [7] and it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan. [8] The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families. [9] And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim *were* among the inherit-

ance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. [10] And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

XVII. There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he *was* the firstborn of Joseph; *to wit*, for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. [2] There was also *a lot* for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

[3] But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these *are* the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. [4] And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren. Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

[5] And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were* on the other side of Jordan; [6] because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead. [7] And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that *lieth* before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah. [8] *Now* Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tap-

puah on the borders of Manasseh *belonged* to the children of Ephraim; [9]and the coast descended unto the *river Kanah, southward of the river: these cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also *was* on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea: [10]southward *it was* Ephraim's, and northward *it was* Manasseh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east. [11]And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, *even* three countries.

*Or, brook of reeds.

[12]Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. [13]Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

[14]And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto? [15]And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood *country*, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the *giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee. [16]And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they* who *are* of Beth-shean and her towns, and *they* who *are* of the valley of Jezreel. [17]And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, *even* to Ephraim and to Manas-

*Or, Rephaims.

seh, saying, Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot *only:* [18]but the mountain shall be thine; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

XVIII. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

[2]And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance. [3]And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long *are* ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you? [4]Give out from among you three men for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come *again* to me. [5]And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north. [6]Ye shall therefore describe the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the description* hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the Lord our God. [7]But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the Lord *is* their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave them.

[8]And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and

come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.

[9] And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the host at Shiloh. [10] And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

[11] And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

[12] And their border on the north side was from Jordan: and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven. [13] And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which *is* Beth-el, southward; and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that *lieth* on the south side of the nether Beth-horon.

[14] And the border was drawn *thence*, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, which *is* Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah: this *was* the west quarter.

[15] And the south quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah: [16] and the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which *is* in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi, on the south, and descended to En-rogel, [17] and

was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which *is* over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben, [18] and passed along toward the side over against *Arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah: [19] and the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward, and the outgoings of the border were at the north *bay of the salt sea at the south end of Jordan: this *was* the south coast.

*Or, the plain.

*Heb. tongue.

[20] And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

[21] Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz, [22] and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el, [23] and Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah, [24] and Chephar-haammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages: [25] Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, [26] and Mispeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah, [27] and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, [28] and Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which *is* Jerusalem, Gibeath, *and* Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

XIX. And the second lot came forth to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah. [2] And they had in their inheritance Beer-sheba, and Sheba, and Moladah, [3] and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem, [4] and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah, [5] and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah, [6] and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuen; thirteen cities and their villages: [7] Ain, Rem-

mon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages: [8]and all the villages that *were* round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramoth of the south. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. [9]Out of the portion of the children of Judah *was* the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

[10]And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid: [11]and their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that *is* before Jokneam; [12]and turned from Sarid eastward toward the sun-rising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia, [13]and from thence passeth on along on the east to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth out to Remmon-*methoar to Neah; [14]and the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el.

Or, which is drawn.

[15]And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages. [16]This *is* the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

[17]*And* the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families. [18]And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, [19]and Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath, [20]and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez, [21]and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez: [22]and the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah,

and Beth-shemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. [23] This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

[24] And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. [25] And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, [26] and Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal: and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath; [27] and turneth toward the sunrising to Beth-dagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el, toward the north side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand, [28] and Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, *even* unto great Zidon; [29] and *then* the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city *Tyre; and the Heb. *Tzor.* coast turneth to Hosah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Achzib: [30] Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages. [31] This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

[32] The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, *even* for the children of Naphtali according to their families. [33] And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan: [34] and *then* the coast turneth westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sunrising.

[35] And the fenced cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth, [36] and Adamah, and

Ramah, and Hazor, [37]and Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor, [38]and Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages. [39]This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

[40]*And* the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. [41]And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh, [42]and Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah, [43]and Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron, [44]and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath, [45]and Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon, [46]and Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border *before *Japho. Or, *over against.* Or, *Joppa.*
[47]And the coast of the children of Dan went out *too little* for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father. [48]This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

[49]When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them: [50]according to the word of the LORD they gave him a city which he asked, *even* Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

[51]These *are* the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

XX. The Lord also spake unto Joshua, saying,
[2] Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses: [3] that the slayer that killeth *any* person unawares *and* unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. [4] And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. [5] And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime. [6] And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation to judgment, *and* until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

[7] And they *appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which *is* Hebron, in the mountain of Judah. [8] And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. [9] These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

* Heb. *sanctified.*

XXI. Then came near the heads of the fathers of

the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; [2] and they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle. [3] And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

[4] And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, *which were* of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

[5] And the rest of the children of Kohath *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

[6] And the children of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

[7] The children of Merari by their families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

[8] And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

[9] And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* * mentioned by name, Heb. *called.*
[10] which the children of Aaron *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had:

for their's was the first lot. [11] And they gave them *the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron, in the hill *country* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. [12] But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession. [13] Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs, [14] and Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs, [15] and Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs, [16] and Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, *and* Beth-shemesh with her suburbs: nine cities out of those two tribes. [17] And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs, [18] Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities. [19] All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

[20] And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. [21] For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer: and Gezer with her suburbs, [22] and Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; four cities. [23] And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs, [24] Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; four cities. [25] And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; two cities. [26] All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

[27] And unto the children of Gershon, of the families

* Or, *Kirjath-arba.*

of the Levites, out of the *other* half tribe of Manasseh, *they gave* Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Beesh-terah with her suburbs; two cities. [28] And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs, [29] Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her suburbs; four cities. [30] And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, [31] Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities. [32] And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities. [33] All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

[34] And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs, [35] Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities. [36] And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs, [37] Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities. [38] And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs, [39] Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all. [40] So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were *by* their lot twelve cities.

[41] All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel *were* forty and eight cities with their suburbs. [42] These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus *were* all these cities.

43 And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. 44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

XXII. THEN Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, 2 and said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: 3 ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. 4 And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, *and* unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan. 5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents. 7 Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given *possession* in Bashan: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them, 8 and he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and

with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

9 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

10 And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to.

11 And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel. 12 And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them. 13 And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, 14 and with him ten princes, of each *chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel: and each one *was* an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel. 15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying, 16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the

* Heb. *house of the father.*

LORD, What trespass *is* this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?
17 *Is* the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD, 18 but that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, *seeing* ye rebel to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. 19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession *be* unclean, *then* pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORD'S tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD our God. 20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel, 22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if *it be* in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,) 23 that we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require *it;* 24 and if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* thing, saying, *In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel? 25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and chil-

*Heb. *to morrow.*

dren of Gad; ye have no part in the LORD; so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD. [26] Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice: [27] but *that* it *may be* a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD. [28] Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say *again*, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness between us and you. [29] God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the LORD our God that *is* before his tabernacle.

[30] And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel which *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, *it pleased them. *Heb. it was good in their eyes.* [31] And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD *is* among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: *now ye *Heb. then.* have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

[32] And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben,

and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. 33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar *Ed: for it *shall be* a wit- That is, a witness.
ness between us that the LORD *is* God.

XXIII. AND it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old *and* *stricken in age. 2 And Joshua called for all Heb. *come into days.*
Israel, *and* for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old *and* stricken in age: 3 and ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God *is* he that hath fought for you. 4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea *westward. Heb. *at the sunset.*

5 And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you. 6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom *to* the right hand or *to* the left; 7 that ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them: 8 *but Or, *for if ye will cleave, &c.*

cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day. [9]* For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but *as for* you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day. [10] One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he *it is* that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

Or, *Then the LORD will drive.*

[11] Take good heed therefore unto *yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. [12] Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: [13] know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

Heb. *your souls.*

[14] And, behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof. [15] Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. [16] When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

XXIV. And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

[2] And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. [3] And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. [4] And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. [5] I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out. [6] And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea. [7] And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season. [8] And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you. [9] Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you: [10] but I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. [11] And ye went over Jordan, and

came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand. [12] And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. [13] And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

[14] Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. [15] And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

[16] And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; [17] for the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: [18] and the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the LORD; for he *is* our God.

[19] And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an holy God; he *is* a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then
he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after
that he hath done you good. 21 And the people said
unto Joshua, Nay: but we will serve the LORD. 22 And
Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against
yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve
him. And they said, *We are* witnesses. 23 Now there-
fore put away, *said he*, the strange gods which *are*
among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God
of Israel. 24 And the people said unto Joshua, The
LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we
obey.

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that
day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in She-
chem. 26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book
of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it
up there under an oak, that *was* by the sanctuary of
the LORD. 27 And Joshua said unto all the people,
Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it
hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake
unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest
ye deny your God. 28 So Joshua let the people depart,
every man unto his inheritance.

29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua
the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being*
an hundred and ten years old. 30 And they buried him
in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah,
which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the
hill of Gaash.

31 And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua,
and all the days of the elders that *overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

*Heb. *prolonged* their *days after Joshua.*

32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of
Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in She-

chem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred *pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

* Or, *lambs.*

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill *that pertained to* Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

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THE

BOOK OF JUDGES.

The author, or authors of the Book of Judges (for from internal evidence it has been supposed that more than one inspired person was engaged in its production) are not known.

The probability is that Samuel was the author of the principal part.

This Book contains a selected history of the children of Israel from the death of Joshua to Eli, a period of about 300 years.

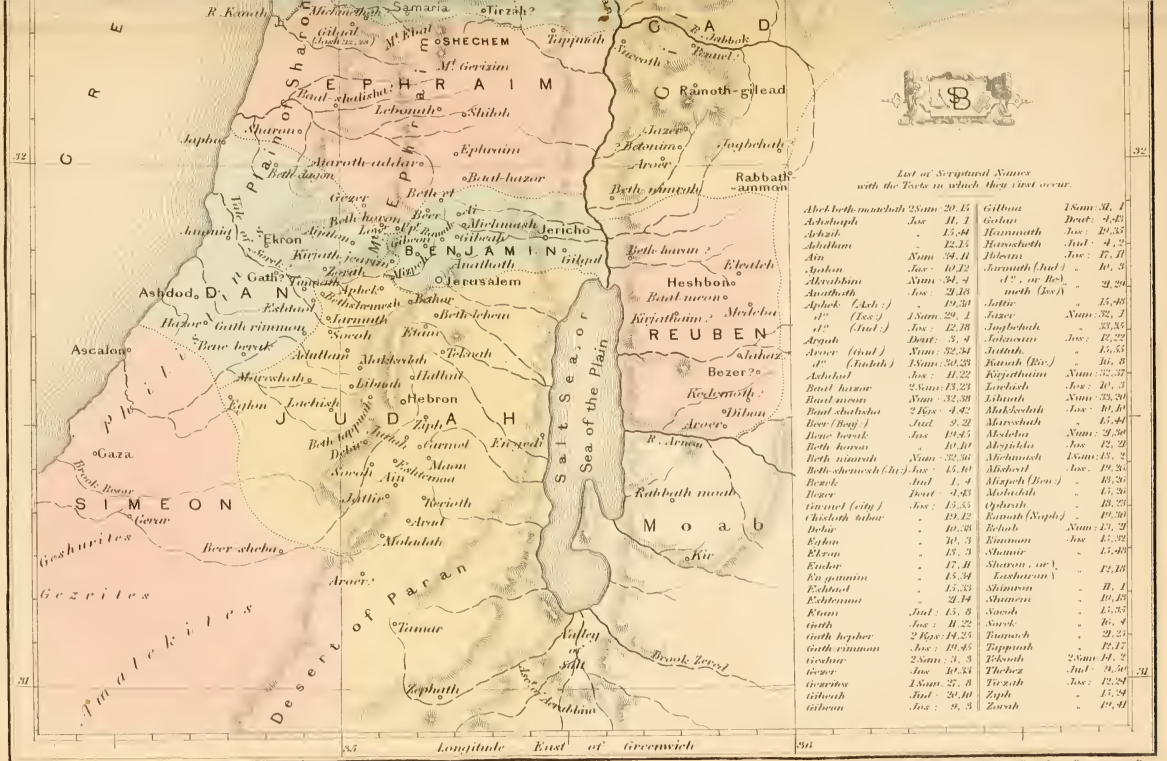
This was a period of anarchy and confusion, in which, for the most part, every man seems to have done what was right in his own eyes. But the cause of the misery into which the people were plunged was evidently departure from God in heart and worship. The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua and of the elders that outlived him, but the generation that arose after them forsook the Lord God of their fathers and followed the gods of the people round about them; they served Baal and Ashtaroth; and the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers, and sold them into the hands of their enemies; and they were greatly distressed.

But in the midst of their well deserved judgments, God for His great name's sake remembered His covenant, and raised up Judges as deliverers. And this "Book of the Judges" contains the particulars of the sins of backsliding Israel, and the dealings of God towards them, both in judgment and mercy.

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JUDGES.

I. Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? 2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. 3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. 4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men. 5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites. 6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. 7 And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having *their thumbs and their great toes cut off, *gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

*Heb. *the thumbs of their hands and of their feet.*

*Or, *gleaned.*

8 Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the

edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. [9]And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the *valley. [10]And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai. [11]And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher:

*Or, low country.

[12]And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. [13]And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. [14]And it came to pass, when she came *to him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou? [15]And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

[16]And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

[17]And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. [18]Also Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof. [19]And the LORD was with Judah; and *he drove out *the inhabitants of* the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. [20]And

*Or, he possessed the mountain.

they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.

[21] And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

[22] And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: and the LORD *was* with them. [23] And the house of Joseph sent to descry Beth-el. (Now the name of the city before *was* Luz.) [24] And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will shew thee mercy. [25] And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family. [26] And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which *is* the name thereof unto this day.

[27] Neither did Manasseh drive out *the inhabitants of* Beth-shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. [28] And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

[29] Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

[30] Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

[31] Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 but the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley: 35 but the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph *prevailed, so that they became tributaries. 36 And the coast of the Amorites *was* from *the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

* Heb. *was heavy.*

* Or, *Maaleh-akrabbim.*

II. And an *angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. 2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? 3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be *as* thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

* Or, *messenger.*

4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And they called the name of that place *Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

* That is, *weepers.*

6 And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. 7 And the people served the LORD

all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that *outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel. *Heb. prolonged days after Joshua.*
8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old. 9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash. 10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: 12 and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. 13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. 15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which *delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. *Heb. saved.*
17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked

in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; *but* they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. 19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, *that* they returned, and *corrupted *themselves* more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they *ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

*Or, were corrupt.

*Heb. let nothing fall of their.

20 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; 21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: 22 that through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep *it*, or not. 23 Therefore the LORD *left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hands of Joshua.

*Or, suffered.

III. Now these *are* the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, *even* as many *of Israel* as had not known all the wars of Canaan; 2 only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof; 3 *namely*, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath. 4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the

LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: 6 and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. 7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves. 8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of *Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years. *Heb. Aram-naharaim.*

9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a *deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, *even* Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10 And the Spirit of the LORD *came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of *Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim. 11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died. *Heb. saviour.* *Heb. was.* *Heb. Aram.*

12 AND the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD. 13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. 14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, *a Benjamite, a man *left- *Or, *the son of Jemini.* *Heb. *shut of his right hand.*

handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab. [16] But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh. [17] And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab, and Eglon *was* a very fat man.

[18] And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. [19] But he himself turned again from the *quarries that *were* by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. [20] And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in *a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of *his* seat. [21] And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: [22] and the haft also went in after the blade: and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly: and *the dirt came out. [23] Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

[24] When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour *were* locked, they said, Surely he *covereth his feet in his summer chamber. [25] And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened *them:* and, behold, their lord *was* fallen down dead on the earth.

[26] And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath. [27] And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children

Or, *graven images.*

Heb. *a parlour of cooling.*

Or, *it came out at the fundament.*

Or, *doeth his easement.*

of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. [28] And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. [29] And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all *lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man. [30] So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

*Heb. *fat.*

[31] And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel.

IV. AND the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead. [2] And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host *was* Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles. [3] And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron: and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

[4] And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. [5] And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. [6] And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, *saying*, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? [7] And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his

multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. [8] And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go. [9] And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. [10] And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

[11] Now Heber the Kenite, *which was* of the children of Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which *is* by Kedesh.

[12] And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor. [13] And Sisera *gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

Heb. gathered by cry, or, proclamation.

[14] And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this *is* the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. [15] And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled away on his feet. [16] But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; *and* there was not *a man left.

Heb. unto one.

[17] Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for *there was*

peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. [18] And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a *mantle. [19] And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. [20] Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No. [21] Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and *took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. [22] And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her *tent*, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

Or, rug, or, blanket.

Heb. put.

[23] So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. [24] And the hand of the children of Israel *prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Heb. going, went and was hard.

V. Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

[2] Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves. [3] Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, *even* I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing *praise* to the LORD God of Israel.

[4] LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou

marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. [5] The mountains *melted from before the LORD, *even* that Sinai from before the LORD, *even* that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.

Heb. *flowed.*

[6] In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through by-ways. [7] *The inhabitants of* the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel. [8] They chose new gods; then *was* war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

Heb. *walkers of paths.* Heb. *crooked ways.*

[9] My heart *is* toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD. [10] Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way. [11] *They that are delivered* from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, *even* the righteous acts *toward the inhabitants* of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

Or, *Meditate.*

Heb. *righteousnesses of the LORD.*

[12] Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam. [13] Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

[14] Out of Ephraim *was there* a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer. [15] And the princes of Issachar *were* with

Heb. *draw with the pen, &c.*

Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was
sent on *foot into the valley. *For the (Heb. *his feet.* Or, *in the divisions, &c.*)
divisions of Reuben *there were* great *thoughts (Heb. *impressions.*)
of heart. [16] Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds,
to hear the bleatings of the flocks? *For the (Or, *in.*)
divisions of Reuben *there were* great searchings of
heart. [17] Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why
did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on
the sea *shore, and abode in his *breaches. (Or, *port.* Or, *creeks.*)
[18] Zebulun and Naphtali *were* a people *that*
*jeoparded their lives unto the death in (Heb. *exposed to reproach.*)
the high places of the field.

[19] The kings came *and* fought, then fought the kings
of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo;
they took no gain of money. [20] They fought from
heaven; the stars in their *courses fought (Heb. *paths.*)
against Sisera. [21] The river of Kishon swept them
away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my
soul, thou hast trodden down strength. [22] Then
were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the
*pransings, the pransings of their mighty (Or, *tramplings,* or, *plungings.*)
ones.

[23] Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye
bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came
not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the
LORD against the mighty.

[24] Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber
the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women
in the tent. [25] He asked water, *and* she gave
him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly
dish. [26] She put her hand to the nail, and
her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and
*with the hammer she smote Sisera, (Heb. *she hammered.*)
she smote off his head, when she had pierced and
stricken through his temples. [27] *At her (Heb. *Between.*)

feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down *dead. Heb. *destroyed.*

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot *so* long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?
29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned *answer to herself, 30 Have they not sped? Heb. *her words.* have they *not* divided the prey; *to every Heb. *to the head of a man.* man a damsel *or* two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, *meet* for the necks of *them that take* the spoil?
31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but *let* them that love him *be* as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.

And the land had rest forty years.

VI. AND the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2 And the hand of Midian *prevailed against Israel: *and* because of the Heb. *was strong.* Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds. 3 And *so* it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; 4 and they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither *sheep, nor Or, *goat.* ox, nor ass. 5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it. 6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the

Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites, 8 that the LORD sent *a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; 9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land; 10 and I said unto you, I *am* the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

*Heb. *a man a prophet.*

11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abi-ezrite; and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress *to hide *it* from the Midianites. 12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour. 13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. 14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? 15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, *my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house. 16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. 17 And he said unto him, If now I have

*Heb. *to cause it to flee.*

*Heb. *my thousand is the meanest.*

found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. [18] Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my *present, and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

*Or, *meat offering.*

[19] And Gideon went in, and made ready *a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, and presented *it*. [20] And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. [21] Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

*Heb. *a kid of the goats.*

[22] And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. [23] And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not; thou shalt not die. [24] Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it *Jehovah shalom; unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

*That is, *The LORD send peace.*

[25] And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, *even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that *is* by it: [26] and build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this *rock, *in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

*Or, *and.*

*Heb. *strong place.* *Or, *in an orderly manner.*

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and *so* it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do *it* by day, that he did *it* by night.

28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cut down, and the grove was cut down that *was* by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built. 29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing. 30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die; because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that *was* by it. 31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst *it is yet* morning: if he *be* a god, let him plead for himself, because *one* hath cast down his altar. 32 Therefore on that day he called him *Jerub- That is, *Let Baal plead.*
baal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel. 34 But the Spirit of the LORD *came upon Gideon, and Heb. *clothed.*
he blew a trumpet; and Abi-ezer *was ga- Heb. *was called after him.*
thered after him. 35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

36 And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, 37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; *and* if the dew be on

the fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the earth *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. [38] And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. [39] And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. [40] And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

VII. Then Jerubbaal, who *is* Gideon, and all the people that *were* with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. [2] And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. [3] Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

[4] And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. [5] So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog

lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. [6] And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. [7] And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place. [8] So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest of* Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

[9] And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand. [10] But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host: [11] and thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the *armed men that *are* in the host. [12] And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude. [13] And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along. [14] And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; *for* into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

*Or, *ranks by five.*

15 And it was *so*, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and *the interpretation thereof, (Heb. *the breaking thereof.*) that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian. 16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put *a trumpet in every man's hand, (Heb. *trumpets in the hand of all of them.*) with empty pitchers, and *lamps within the (Or, *firebrands*, or, *torches.*) pitchers. 17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall ye do. 18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword* of the LORD and of Gideon.

19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands. 20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal:* and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. 21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. 22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah *in Zererath, *and* to the *border of Abel-me- (Or, *toward.* Heb. *lip.*) holah, unto Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites. 24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim,

saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. [25] And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

VIII. And the men of Ephraim said unto him, *Why hast thou served us thus, that Heb. *What thing* is *this thou hast done unto us?* thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him *sharply. [2] And he said unto them, What Heb. *strongly.* have I done now in comparison of you? *Is* not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer? [3] God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their *anger was abated toward him, when he Heb. *spirit.* had said that.

[4] And Gideon came to Jordan, *and* passed over, he, and the three hundred men that *were* with him, faint, yet pursuing *them*. [5] And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they *be* faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian. [6] And the princes of Succoth said, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? [7] And Gideon said, Therefore when the Lord hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will *tear Heb. *thresh.* your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. [8] And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Penuel

answered him as the men of Succoth had answered *him*. [9] And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

[10] Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand *men*, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell *an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword. [11] And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure. [12] And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and *discomfited all the host.

*Or, an hundred and twenty thousand, every one drawing a sword.

*Heb. terrified.

[13] And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun *was up*, [14] and caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he *described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, *even* threescore and seventeen men. [15] And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men *that are* weary? [16] And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he *taught the men of Succoth. [17] And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

*Heb. writ.

*Heb. made to know.

[18] Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men *were they* whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they; each one *resembled the children of a king. [19] And he said, They *were* my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: *as* the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them

*Heb. according to the form, &c.

alive, I would not slay you. [20] And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Up, *and* slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he *was* yet a youth. [21] Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man *is*, *so is* his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the *ornaments that *were* on their camels' necks. (*Or, ornaments like the moon.*)

[22] Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. [23] And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you. [24] And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they *were* Ishmaelites.) [25] And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey. [26] And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold; beside ornaments, and *collars, and purple raiment that *was* on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that *were* about their camels' necks. (*Or, sweet jewels.*) [27] And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

[28] Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon. [29] And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. [30] And Gideon had threescore and ten sons *of his body begotten: for he had many wives. (*Heb. going out of his thigh.*) [31] And his concubine that *was* in

Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he *called Abimelech. 32 And Gideon the son of Joash died Heb. *set.* in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. 34 And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side: 35 neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, *namely*, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

IX. AND Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, 2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, *Whether Heb. *What* is *good? whether, &c.* *is* better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, *which are* threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh. 3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined *to Heb. *after.* follow Abimelech; for they said, He *is* our brother. 4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him. 5 And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, *being* threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech

king, *by the plain of the pillar that *was* in Shechem.

Or, *by the oak of the pillar.*

7 And when they told *it* to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you. 8 The trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. 9 But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and *go to be promoted over the trees? 10 And the tree said to the fig tree, Come thou, *and* reign over us. 11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees? 12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, *and* reign over us. 13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? 14 Then said all the trees unto the *bramble, Come thou, *and* reign over us. 15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, *then* come *and* put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

Heb. *go up and down for* other *trees.*

Or, *thistle.*

16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands; 17 (for my father fought for you, and *adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian: 18 and ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he *is* your brother;) 19 if ye then have dealt

Heb. *cast his life.*

truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: [20] but if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

[21] And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

[22] When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel, [23] then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech: [24] that the cruelty *done* to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which *aided him in the killing of his brethren. [25] And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech. [26] And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. [27] And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode *the grapes*, and made *merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech. [28] And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? *is* not *he* the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him? [29] And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

* Heb. *strengthened his hands to kill.*

* Or, *songs.*

30 And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard
the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was
*kindled. 31 And he sent messengers unto Abi- Or, *hot.*
melech *privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son Heb. *craftily,* or, *to Tormah.*
of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem; and,
behold, they fortify the city against thee. 32 Now
therefore up by night, thou and the people that *is* with
thee, and lie in wait in the field: 33 and it shall be, *that*
in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt
rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, *when*
he and the people that *is* with him come out against
thee, then mayest thou do to them *as thou Heb. *as thine hand shall find.*
shalt find occasion.

34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that
were with him, by night, and they laid wait against
Shechem in four companies. 35 And Gaal the son of
Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate
of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people
that *were* with him, from lying in wait. 36 And when
Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there
come people down from the top of the mountains.
And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of
the mountains as *if they were* men. 37 And Gaal spake
again and said, See, there come people down by the
*middle of the land, and another company come Heb. *navel.*
along by the plain of *Meonenim. 38 Then Or, *the regarders of the times.*
said Zebul unto him, Where *is* now thy mouth, where-
with thou saidst, Who *is* Abimelech, that we should
serve him? *is* not this the people that thou hast de-
spised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.
39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and
fought with Abimelech. 40 And Abimelech chased him,
and he fled before him, and many were overthrown
and wounded, *even* unto the entering of the gate.
41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust

out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech. 43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people *were* come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them. 44 And Abimelech, and the company that *was* with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two *other* companies ran upon all *the people* that *were* in the fields, and slew them. 45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that *was* therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard *that*, they entered into an hold of the house of the god Berith. 47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. 48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that *were* with him; and Abimelech took an ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said unto the people that *were* with him, What ye have seen *me do, make haste, *and* do as I *have* done. 49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put *them* to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

* Heb. *I have done.*

50 Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. 51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut *it* to them,

and gat them up to the top of the tower. [52] And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. [53] And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull. [54] Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died. [55] And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

[56] Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: [57] and all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

X. And after Abimelech there arose to *defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim. [2] And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

* Or, *deliver.* Heb. *save.*

[3] And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years. [4] And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called *Havoth-jair unto this day, which *are* in the land of Gilead. [5] And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

* Or, *the villages of Jair.*

[6] And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the Lord, and served not him. [7] And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of

the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon. [8] And that year they vexed and *oppressed the children of Israel eighteen years, all the children of Israel that *were* on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead. [9] Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

[10] And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim. [11] And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, *Did* not *I deliver you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines? [12] The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand. [13] Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more. [14] Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation. [15] And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever *seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day. [16] And they put away the *strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul *was grieved for the misery of Israel.

* Heb. *crushed.*

* Heb. *is good in thine eyes.*

* Heb. *gods of strangers.*

* Heb. *was shortened.*

[17] Then the children of Ammon were *gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh. [18] And the people *and* princes of Gilead said one to another, What man *is he* that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

* Heb. *cried together.*

XI. Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he *was* the son of *an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. [2] And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou *art* the son of a strange woman. [3] Then Jephthah fled *from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

[4] And it came to pass *in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. [5] And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob: [6] and they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. [7] And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress? [8] And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. [9] And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head? [10] And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD *be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words. [11] Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

[12] And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of

Heb. *a woman an harlot.*

Heb. *from the face.*

Heb. *after days.*

Heb. *be the hearer between us.*

the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land? [13] And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably. [14] And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon: [15] and said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon: [16] but when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh; [17] then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken *thereto.* And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab: but he would not *consent:* and Israel abode in Kadesh. [18] Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon *was* the border of Moab. [19] And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place. [20] But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. [21] And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. [22] And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto

Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan.
[23] So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it? [24] Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess. [25] And now *art* thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them, [26] while Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover *them* within that time? [27] Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

[28] Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him. [29] Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over *unto* the children of Ammon.

[30] And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, [31] then it shall be, that *whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, *and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

* Heb. *that which cometh forth, which shall come forth.*

* Or, *or I will offer it, &c.*

[32] So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD de-

livered them into his hands. 33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, *even* twenty cities, and unto the *plain of the vine- Or, *Abel.* yards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she *was his* only child; *beside her he had neither son nor daughter. Or, *he had not of his own either son or daughter.* 35 And it came to pass, when he saw Heb. *of himself.* her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back. 36 And she said unto him, My father, *if* thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even* of the children of Ammon. 37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may *go Heb. *go and go down.* up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows. 38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away *for* two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. 39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a *custom Or, *ordinance.* in Israel, 40 *that* the daughters of Israel went *yearly *to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Heb. *from year to year.* Or, *to talk with.* Gileadite, four days in a year.

XII. AND the men of Ephraim *gathered Heb. *were called.* themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight

against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire. [2] And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon, and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. [3] And when I saw that ye delivered *me* not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

[4] Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites *are* fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, *and* among the Manassites. [5] And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was *so*, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, *Art* thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; [6] then said they unto him, Say now *Shibboleth: and he said, Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

*which signifieth *a stream*, or, *flood*.

[7] And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

[8] And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel. [9] And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. [10] Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

[11] And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. [12] And Elon the Zebu-

lonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel. 14 And he had forty sons and thirty *nephews, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years. 15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

Heb. sons' sons.

XIII. And the children of Israel *did evil again in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

Heb. added to commit, &c.

2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife *was* barren, and bare not. 3 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive and bear a son. 4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing:* 5 for, lo, thou shalt conceive and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he *was*, neither told he me his name: 7 but he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine, nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing:* for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 Then Manoah intreated the Lord, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come

again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband *was* not with her. 10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day. 11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I *am*. 12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. *How shall we order the child, and *how* shall we do unto him? 13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. 14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing:* all that I commanded her let her observe.

Heb. *What shall be the manner of, &c.* Or, what *shall he do?* Heb. what shall be *his work?*

15 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid *for thee. 16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD. 17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour? 18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* *secret? 19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD: and *the angel* did wonderously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

Heb. *before thee.*

Or, *wonderful.*

20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on their faces to the ground. 21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. 23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these *things*, nor would as at this time have told us *such things* as these.

24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in *the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

*Heb. *Mahaneh-dan.*

XIV. AND Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. 2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. 3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for *she pleaseth me well. 4 But his father and his mother knew not that it *was* of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

*Heb. *she* is *right in mine eyes.*

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his

mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared *against him. [6] And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. [7] And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

*Heb. *in meeting him.*

[8] And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, *there was* a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion. [9] And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

[10] So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. [11] And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. [12] And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I will give you thirty *sheets and thirty change of garments: [13] but if ye cannot declare *it* me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it. [14] And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

*Or, *shirts.*

[15] And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us

*to take that we have? *is it* not *so?* [16]And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not; thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told *it* me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my father nor my mother, and shall I tell *it* thee? [17]And she wept before him *the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people. [18]And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What *is* sweeter than honey? and what *is* stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle. [19]And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their *spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle.

Heb. *to possess us*, or, *to impoverish us.*

Or, the rest of *the seven days, &c.*

Or, *apparel.*

And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. [20]But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

XV. But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samsom visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in. [2]And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion; *is* not her younger sister fairer than she? *take her I pray thee, instead of her.

Heb. *let her be thine.*

[3]And Samson said concerning them, *Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure. [4]And Samson

Or, *Now shall I be blameless from the Philistines, though, &c.*

went and caught three hundred foxes, and took *firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails. [5]And when he had set the brands on fire, he let *them* go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards *and* olives. [6]Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

*Or, torches.

[7]And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease. [8]And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

[9]Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi. [10]And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us. [11]Then three thousand men of Judah *went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines *are* rulers over us? what *is* this *that* thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them. [12]And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves. [13]And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

*Heb. went down.

14 *And* when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that *were* upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands *loosed from off his hands. *Heb. were melted.*
15 And he found a *new jawbone of an ass, and *Heb. moist.* put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith. 16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, *heaps upon heaps, with the *Heb. an heap, two heaps.* jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men. 17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place *Ramath-lehi. *That is, the lifting up of the jawbone, or, casting away of the jawbone.*
18 And he was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? 19 But God clave an hollow place that *was* in *the jaw, and there came water *Or, Lehi.* thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof *En-hakkore, which *is* in Lehi unto *That is, the well of him that called, or, cried.* this day.
20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

XVI. Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there *an harlot, and went in unto her. 2 *And it* *Heb. a woman, an harlot.* *was told* the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were *quiet *Heb. silent.* all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him. 3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, *bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, *Heb. with the bar.*

and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before Hebron.

4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman *in the valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah. 5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength *lieth*, and by what *means* we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to *afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred *pieces* of silver.

Or, by the brook.

Or, humble.

6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. 7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven *green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as *another man. 8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. 9 Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it *toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.

Or, new cords. *Heb. moist.*

Heb. one.

Heb. smelleth.

10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. 11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes *that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. 12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And *there were* liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

Heb. wherewith work hath not been done.

13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast
mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou
mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou
weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.
14 And she fastened *it* with the pin, and said unto
him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he
awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin
of the beam, and with the web.
15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I
love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? thou
hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told
me wherein thy great strength *lieth*. 16 And it came
to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words,
and urged him, *so* that his soul was *vexed Heb. *shortened*.
unto death; 17 that he told her all his heart, and said
unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine
head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my
mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength
will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be
like any *other* man.
18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all
his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Phi-
listines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed
me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines
came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.
19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she
called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the
seven locks of his head: and she began to afflict him,
and his strength went from him. 20 And she said,
The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke
out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other
times before, and shake myself. And he wist not
that the LORD was departed from him. 21 But the
Philistines took him, and *put out his eyes, Heb. *bored out*.
and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with

fetters of brass: and he did grind in the prison house.
22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again
*after he was shaven.
Or, *as when he was shaven.*
23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. 24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, *which slew many of us.
Heb. *and who multiplied our slain.*
25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made *them sport: and they set him between the pillars.
Heb. *before them.*
26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there; and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. 28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and *on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.
Or, *he leaned on them.*
30 And Samson said, Let *me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with *all his* might: and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life.
Heb. *my soul.*

31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought *him* up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the buryingplace of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

XVII. And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name *was* Micah. 2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed *be thou* of the Lord, my son. 3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the Lord from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee. 4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah. 5 And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and *consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. (Heb. *filled the hand.*)

6 In those days, *there was* no king in Israel, *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah of the family of Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he sojourned there. 8 And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah to sojourn where he could find *a place:* and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, *as he journeyed. 9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I *am* a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place.* 10 And (Heb. *in making his way.*)

Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and *a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in. [11] And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. [12] And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. [13] Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to *my* priest.

*Or, a double suit, &c. Heb. an order of garments.

XVIII. In those days *there was* no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel. [2] And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, *men of valour from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there. [3] When they *were* by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this *place?* and what hast thou here? [4] And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest. [5] And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. [6] And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD *is* your way wherein ye go.

*Heb. sons.

[7] Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that *were* therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and *there was* no *magistrate in

*Heb. possessor, or, heir of restraint.

the land that might put *them* to shame in *any* thing; and they *were* far from the Zidonians, and had no business with *any* man. [8] And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye? [9] And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it *is* very good: and *are* ye still? be not slothful to go, *and* to enter to possess the land. [10] When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where *there is* no want of any thing that *is* in the earth.

[11] And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men *appointed with weapons of war. [12] And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-jearim. [13] And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah. [14] Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do. [15] And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, *even* unto the house of Micah, and *saluted him. [16] And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate. [17] And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of

* Heb. *girded.*

* Heb. *asked him of peace.*

war. [18] And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye? [19] And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel? [20] And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. [21] So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.

[22] *And* when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. [23] And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, *that thou comest with such a company? [24] And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what *is* this *that* ye say unto me, What aileth thee? [25] And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest *angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household. [26] And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

*Heb. that thou art gathered together.

*Heb. bitter of soul.

[27] And they took *the things* which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people *that were* at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire. [28] And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Zidon, and they had no business

with *any* man; and it was in the valley that *lieth* by Beth-rehob.

And they built a city, and dwelt therein. [29] And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city *was* Laish at the first. [30] And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. [31] And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

XIX. And it came to pass in those days, when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him *a concubine out of Beth-lehem- judah. [2] And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there *four whole months.

*Heb. a woman a concubine, or, a wife a concubine.

*Or, a year and four months. Heb. days four months.

[3] And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak *friendly unto her, *and* to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. [4] And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there. [5] And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, *Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way. [6] And they sat down and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I

*Heb. to her heart.

*Heb. strengthen.

pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry. [7] And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again. [8] And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried *until afternoon, and they did eat both of them. [9] And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day *draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, *the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go *home. [10] But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came *over against Jebus, which *is* Jerusalem; and *there were* with him two asses saddled, his concubine also *was* with him.

Heb. till the day declined.

Heb. is weak.

Heb. it is the pitching time of the day.

Heb. to thy tent.

Heb. to over against.

[11] *And* when they *were* by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it. [12] And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that *is* not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah. [13] And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah. [14] And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin. [15] And they turned aside thither, to go in *and* to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for *there was* no man that took them into his house to lodging.

[16] And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which *was* also of

mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place *were* Benjamites. [17] And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou? [18] And he said unto him, We *are* passing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I *am now* going to the house of the LORD; and there *is* no man that *receiveth me to house. [19] Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man *which is* with thy servants: *there is* no want of any thing. [20] And the old man said, Peace *be* with thee; howsoever *let* all thy wants *lie* upon me; only lodge not in the street. [21] So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

Heb. gathereth.

[22] *Now* as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, *and* beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him. [23] And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, *nay*, I pray you, do not *so* wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly. [24] Behold, *here is* my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not *so vile a thing. [25] But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they

Heb. the matter of this folly.

knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

[26] Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord *was*, till it was light. [27] And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down *at* the door of the house, and her hands *were* upon the threshold. [28] And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her *up* upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

[29] And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, *together* with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel. [30] And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak *your minds*.

XX. Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the Lord in Mizpeh. [2] And the chief of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword. [3] (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.)

Then said the children of Israel, Tell *us*, how was this wickedness? [4] And *the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that *belongeth* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge. [5] And the men of Gibeah rose

*Heb. *the man the Levite.*

against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, *and* thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they *forced, that she is dead. [6] And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel. [7] Behold, ye *are* all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

*Heb. humbled.

[8] And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house. [9] But now this *shall be* the thing which we will do to Gibeah; [10] *we will go up* by lot against it; and we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

[11] So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, *knit together as one man. [12] And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you? [13] Now therefore deliver *us* the men, the children of Belial which *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel: [14] but the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. [15] And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time, out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men. [16] Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men left-

*Heb. *fellows.*

handed; every one could sling stones at an hair *breadth*, and not miss. [17] And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these *were* men of war.

[18] And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first.

[19] And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. [20] And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah. [21] And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.

[22] And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day. [23] (And the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.) [24] And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day. [25] And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

[26] Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. [27] And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of

God *was* there in those days, [28] and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

[29] And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah. [30] And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. [31] And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city; and they began *to smite of the people, *and* kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to *the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel. [32] And the children of Benjamin said, They *are* smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the highways. [33] And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, *even* out of the meadows of Gibeah. [34] And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil *was* near them. [35] And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword.

Heb. *to smite of the people wounded as at, &c.*

Or, *Beth-el.*

[36] So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah. [37] And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers

in wait *drew *themselves* along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword. [38] Now there was an appointed *sign between the men of Israel *and the liers in wait, that they should make a great *flame with smoke rise up out of the city. [39] And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began *to smite *and* kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as *in* the first battle. [40] But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, *the flame of the city ascended up to heaven. [41] And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil *was come upon them. [42] Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them which *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them. [43] *Thus* they inclosed the Benjamites round about, *and* chased them, *and* trode them down *with ease *over against Gibeah toward the sunrising. [44] And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these *were* men of valour. [45] And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them. [46] So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valour. [47] But six hundred men turned and fled into the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

[48] And the men of Israel turned again upon the

Or, *made a long* sound with the trumpets.

Or, *time.*

Heb. *with.*

Heb. *elevation.*

Heb. *to smite the wounded.*

Heb. *the whole consumption.*

Heb. *touched them.*

Or, from *Menuchah, &c.* Heb. *unto over against.*

children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of *every* city, as the beast, and all that *came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that *they came to.

*Heb. *was found.*

*Heb. *were found.*

XXI. Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife. [2]And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore; [3]and said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel? [4]And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

[5]And the children of Israel said, Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death. [6]And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. [7]How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives: [8]and they said, What one *is there* of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD?

And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly. [9]For the people were numbered, and behold, *there were* none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there. [10]And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children. [11]And this *is* the

thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that *hath lain by man. [12] And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred *young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan.

*Heb. knoweth the lying with man.

*Heb. young women, virgins.

[13] And the whole congregation sent *some* *to speak to the children of Benjamin that *were* in the rock Rimmon, and to *call peaceably unto them. [14] And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

*Heb. and spake and called.

*Or, proclaim peace.

[15] And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

[16] Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? [17] And they said, *There must be* an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel. [18] Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

[19] Then they said, Behold, *there is* a feast of the LORD in Shiloh *yearly *in a place* which *is* on the north side of Beth-el, *on the east side *of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah. [20] Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards; [21] and see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of

*Heb. from year to year.

*Or, toward the sunrising.

Or, on.

Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. [22] And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, *Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, *that* ye should be guilty. [23] And the children of Benjamin did so, and took *them* wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them. [24] And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence, every man to his inheritance.

[25] In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

* Or, *Gratify us in them.*

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THE BOOK OF RUTH.

The Book of Ruth, so called from its relating the history of a Moabitess of that name, was, it is supposed, written by the prophet Samuel. It is, to a certain extent, supplemental to the Book of the Judges, with which indeed it was once joined; and it serves as an introduction to the Books of Samuel.

The canonical authority of the Book of Ruth is unquestioned.

The principal lessons presented in this touching history may be these:—

I. That God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. Rahab the Canaanite becomes the wife of the prince of Judah, and Ruth the Moabitess the immediate ancestor of King David.

II. The adoption of this Gentile into the lineage of the Lord Jesus prefigures the reception of the nations of the earth into the Church, as fellow-heirs with Israel of the Promises.

III. The redemption of the possession by Boaz points to the greater Redemption accomplished by Him who is heir of all things.

R U T H.

I. Now it came to pass in the days when the judges *ruled, that there was a famine in the land. Heb. *judged.* And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. [2] And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and *continued there. Heb. *were.*

[3] And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. [4] And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years. [5] And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

[6] Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread. [7] Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on their way to return unto the land of Judah.

[8] And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. [9] The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each *of you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. [10] And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

[11] And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? [12] Turn again, my daughters, go *your way;* for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, *if* I should have an husband also to night, (Or, if *I were with an husband.*) and should also bear sons; [13] would ye *tarry (Heb. *hope.*) for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for *it grieveth me much for your sakes that (Heb. *I have much bitterness.*) the hand of the LORD is gone out against me. [14] And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

[15] And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law. [16] And Ruth said, *In- (Or, *Be not against me.*) treat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God, my God: [17] where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me. [18] When she saw that she *was sted- (Heb. *strengthened herself.*) fastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

[19] So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-

lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is* this Naomi? [20] And she said unto them, Call me not *Naomi, call me *Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. [21] I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

*That is, *pleasant.* *That is, *bitter.*

[22] So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

II. AND Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name *was* Boaz. [2] And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. [3] And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her *hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech.

*Heb. *hap happened.*

[4] And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD *be* with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee. [5] Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this? [6] And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: [7] and she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

[8] Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go

from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: [9] *let* thine eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn. [10] Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I *am* a stranger? [11] And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. [12] The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. [13] Then she said, *Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken *friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens. [14] And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar.

Or, *I find favour.*

Heb. *to the heart.*

And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left. [15] And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and *reproach her not: [16] and let fall also *some* of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not. [17] So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley. [18] And she took *it* up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had

Heb. *shame her not.*

gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed. 19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day *is* Boaz. 20 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed *be* he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man *is* near of kin unto us, *one of our next kinsmen. 21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. 22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, *It is* good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they *meet thee not in any other field. 23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

*Or, one that hath right to redeem.

*Or, fall not upon thee.

III. THEN Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? 2 And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor. 3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: *but* make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. 4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and *uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. 5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

*Or, lift up the clothes that are on his feet.

6 And she went down unto the floor, and did accord-

ing to all that her mother in law bade her. 7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. 8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and *turned himself; and behold, a woman lay at his feet. 9 And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth, thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou *art* *a near kinsman. 10 And he said, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD, my daughter: *for* thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the *city of my people doth know that thou *art* a virtuous woman. 12 And now it is true that I *am thy* near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. 13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, *that* if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, *as* the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

Or, *took hold on.*

Or, *one that hath right to redeem.*

Heb. *gate.*

14 And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor. 15 Also he said, Bring the *vail that *thou hast* upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid *it* on her: and she went into the city.

Or, *sheet*, or, *apron.*

16 And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who *art* thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. 17 And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he said

to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law. 18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

IV. THEN went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down. 3 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which *was* our brother Elimelech's: 4 and *I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it:* but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know: for *there is* none to redeem *it* beside thee: and I *am* after thee. And he said, I will redeem *it.* 5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy *it* also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. 6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem *it.* 7 Now this *was the manner* in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave *it* to his neighbour: and this *was* a testimony in Israel. 8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy *it* for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

*Heb. *I said I will reveal* in *thine ear.*

9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and *unto* all the people, Ye *are* witnesses this day, that I have bought all that *was* Elimelech's, and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's of the hand of Naomi. 10 Moreover Ruth

the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye *are* witnesses this day. 11 And all the people that *were* in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and *do Or, *get thee riches, or, power.* thou worthily in Ephratah, and *be famous Heb. *procluim* thy *name.* in Beth-lehem: 12 and let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son. 14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed *be* the LORD, which hath not *left thee this day without a *kinsman, Heb. *caused to cease unto thee.* Or, *redeemer.* that his name may be famous in Israel. 15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of *thy* life, and *a Heb. *to nourish.* nourisher of *thine old age: for thy daughter Heb. *thy gray hairs.* in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him. 16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. 17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 Now these *are* the generations of Pharez: Pharez beget Hezron, 19 and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, 20 and Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, 21 and Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, 22 and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

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THE

BOOKS OF SAMUEL.

The Prophet Samuel was, there can be little doubt, the author of the first twenty-four chapters of the Books that bear his name. The remainder was written by some other inspired person, or persons; it is generally supposed by the Prophets Gad and Nathan.

The title given to these Books in the Septuagint and Vulgate versions, namely, the I. and II. Books of Kings, describes with tolerable accuracy their contents. For although the early part of the first Book is occupied with the events connected with Eli, and with Samuel's own appointment, yet these circumstances are so closely connected with Israel's rejection of God's rule over them as a nation, and the demand for a visible ruler, that they may be said to introduce the times of the kings.

This demand for a king was a solemn and important epoch in Israel's history. It was like the murmuring after flesh in the wilderness. God gave them their desire. They were filled with their own ways.

Nevertheless, according to the greatness of his mercies, as soon as the king of the people's choice fails, God chooses for them, and raises up David, the man after his own heart. And these Books contain the recital of the patience and faith, the trials and victories, the sins and repentance, and the glory of the kingdom, of David the son of Jesse, whose throne is yet to be filled by Him who shall reign over the house of Judah for ever, and of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

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I. SAMUEL.

I. Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name *was* Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: [2] and he had two wives; the name of the one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

[3] And this man went up out of his city *yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, *were* there. [4] And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: [5] but unto Hannah he gave *a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. [6] And her adversary also *provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. [7] And *as* he did so year by year, *when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. [8] Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? *am* not I better to thee than ten sons?

*Heb. *from year to year.*

*Or, *a double portion.*

*Heb. *angered her.*

*Or, *from the time that she, &c.* Heb. *from her going up.*

9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh,
and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon
a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. 10 And she
was *in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the
LORD, and wept sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and
said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the
affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and
not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine
handmaid *a man child, then I will give him
unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall
no razor come upon his head.

*Heb. bitter of soul.

*Heb. seed of men.

12 And it came to pass, as she *continued
praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.
13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips
moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli
thought she had been drunken. 14 And Eli said unto
her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy
wine from thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No,
my lord, I *am* a woman *of a sorrowful spirit:
I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have
poured out my soul before the LORD. 16 Count not
thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the
abundance of my *complaint and grief have
I spoken hitherto. 17 Then Eli answered and said, Go
in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition
that thou hast asked of him. 18 And she said, Let thine
handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went
her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no
more *sad*.

*Heb. multiplied to pray.

*Heb. hard of spirit.

*Or, meditation.

19 And they rose up in the morning early, and wor-
shipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to
their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his
wife; and the LORD remembered her. 20 Wherefore it
came to pass, *when the time was come about
after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and

*Heb. in revolution of days.

called his name *Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of the LORD. *That is, *asked of God.*

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever. 23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child *was* young. 25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, Oh my lord, *as* thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 28 therefore also I have *lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth *he* shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

*Or, *returned him, whom I have obtained by petition, to the LORD.*
*Or, *he whom I have obtained by petition shall be returned.*

II. And Hannah prayed, and said,

My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. 2 *There is* none holy as the LORD: for *there is* none beside thee: neither *is there* any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let *not* *arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD *is* a God of knowledge, and by him actions are

*Heb. *hard.*

weighed. [4] The bows of the mighty men *are* broken,
and they that stumbled are girded with strength.
[5] *They that were* full have hired out themselves for
bread; and *they that were* hungry ceased: so that
the barren hath born seven; and she that hath
many children is waxed feeble.
[6] The LORD killeth and maketh alive: he bringeth
down to the grave, and bringeth up. [7] The LORD
maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low,
and lifteth up. [8] He raiseth up the poor out of the
dust, *and* lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill,
to set *them* among princes, and to make them
inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the
earth *are* the LORD's, and he hath set the world
upon them.
[9] He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked
shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall
no man prevail. [10] The adversaries of the LORD
shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he
thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the
ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto
his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

[11] And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

[12] Now the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. [13] And the priest's custom with the people *was*, *that*, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; [14] and he struck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. [15] Also before they burnt the fat, the

priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. [16] And *if* any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat *presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay;* but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force. [17] Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

[18] But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *being* a child, girded with a linen ephod. [19] Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. [20] And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the *loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home. [21] And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

[22] Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that *assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. [23] And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for *I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. [24] Nay, my sons; for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people *to transgress. [25] If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

[26] And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

Heb. *as on the day.*

Or, *petition which she asked, &c.*

Heb. *assembled by troops.*

Or, *I hear evil words of you.*

Or, *to cry out.*

27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? 28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? 29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded *in my* habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? 30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed *that* thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me: for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. 31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. 32 And thou shalt see *an enemy *in my* habitation, in all *the wealth* which *God* shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. 33 And the man of thine, *whom* I shall not cut off from mine altar, *shall be* to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die *in the flower of their age. 34 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. 35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, *that* shall do according to *that* which *is* in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever. 36 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one

*Or, *the affliction of the tabernacle, for all the wealth which God would have given Israel.*

Heb. *men.*

that is left in thine house shall come *and* crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, *Put me, I pray thee, into *one of the priest's offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

*Heb. *Join.* Or, *somewhat about the priesthood.*

III. And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see; 3 and ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep;* 4 that the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. 7 *Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose, and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

*Or, *Thus* did *Samuel before he knew the LORD, and before the word of the LORD was revealed unto him.*

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will

do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all *things* which I have spoken concerning his house: *when I begin, I will also make an end. 13 *For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves *vile, and he *restrained them not. 14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

Heb. beginning and ending.

Or, And I will tell him, &c.

Or, accursed. *Heb. frowned not upon them.*

15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here *am* I. 17 And he said, What *is* the thing that *the LORD* hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide *it* not from me: God do so to thee, and *more also, if thou hide *any* *thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. 18 And Samuel told him *every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It *is* the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

Heb. so add.

Or, word.

Heb. all the things, or, words.

19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel *was* *established *to be* a prophet of the LORD. 21 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD. And the word of Samuel *came to all Israel.

Or, faithful.

Or, came to pass. *Heb. was.*

IV. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. 2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when

*they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of *the army in the field about four thousand men. (Heb. *the battle was spread.* Heb. *the array.*)

3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us *fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. 4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth *between* the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God. (Heb. *take unto us.*)

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. 6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp. 7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing *heretofore. 8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these *are* the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. (Heb. *yesterday, or, the third day.*)

9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: *quit yourselves like men, and fight. (Heb. *be men.*)

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. 11 And the ark of God was taken;

and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were slain. Heb. *died.*

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. 13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told *it*, all the city cried out. 14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily and told Eli. 15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes *were Heb. *stood.* dim, that he could not see. 16 And the man said unto Eli, I *am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What *is Heb. *is the thing?* there done, my son? 17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. 18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

19 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, *near* *to be delivered: and when she Or, *to cry out.* heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains *came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death Heb. *were turned.* the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, *neither did she regard *it*. 21 And she named Heb. *and set not her heart.* the child *I-chabod, saying, The glory That is, *where* is *the glory?* or, there is *no glory.* is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was

taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. [22] And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

V. And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. [2] When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. [3] And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. [4] And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off upon the threshold; only *the stump *of* Dagon was left to him. [5] Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day. [6] But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, *even* Ashdod and the coasts thereof. [7] And when the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

[8] They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about *thither*. [9] And it was *so*, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

* Or, *the fishy part.*

10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to *us, to slay us and our people. 11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay *us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. 12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

Heb. *me, to slay me and my.*

Heb. *me not, and my.*

VI. And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. 2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place. 3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. 4 Then said they, What *shall be* the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague *was* on *you all, and on your lords. 5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land: and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. 6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought *wonderfully among them, did they not let *the people go,

Heb. *them.*

Or, *reproachfully.*

Or, *them.*

and they departed? 7 Now therefore make a new cart,
and take two milch kine, on which there hath come
no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their
calves home from them: 8 and take the ark of the
LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of
gold, which ye return him *for* a trespass offering, in a
coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it
may go. 9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his
own coast to Beth-shemesh, *then* *he hath done Or, it.
us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that
it is not his hand *that* smote us; it *was* a chance *that*
happened to us.

10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine,
and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at
home: 11 and they laid the ark of the LORD upon the
cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the
images of their emerods. 12 And the kine took the
straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, *and* went
along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned
not aside *to* the right hand or *to* the left; and the
lords of the Philistines went after them, unto the
border of Beth-shemesh. 13 And *they of* Beth-shemesh
were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and
they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced
to see *it*. 14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua,
a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where *there was* a
great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and
offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.
15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD,
and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the jewels of
gold *were*, and put *them* on the great stone: and the
men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings, and sa-
crificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD. 16 And
when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *it*, they
returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these *are* the golden emerods which the Philistines returned *for* a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; 18 and the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging* to the five lords, *both* of fenced cities and of country villages, even unto the *great *stone of* Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite.

* Or, *great stone.*

19 And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten *many* of the people with a great slaughter. 20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us? 21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you.

VII. And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD. 2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years.

And all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. 3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. 4 Then

the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. 6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard *it*, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, *Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. 9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it for* a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD *heard him. 10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. 11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them until *they came* unto Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it *Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. 13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. 14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of

* Heb. *Be not silent from us from crying.*

* Or, *answered.*

* That is, *The stone of help.*

the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.
16 And he went from year to year *in circuit to Beth-el and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. 17 And his return *was* to Ramah; for there *was* his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

Heb. and he circuited.

VIII. AND it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second Abiah: *they were* judges in Beer-sheba. 3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, 5 and said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

6 But the thing *displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. 7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. 8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. 9 Now therefore *hearken unto their voice: *howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

Heb. was evil in the eyes of Samuel.

Or, *obey.*

Or, *notwithstanding when thou hast solemnly protested against them, then thou shalt shew, &c.*

10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto

the people that asked of him a king. [11] And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots. [12] And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. [13] And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers. [14] And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, *even* the best *of them*, and give *them* to his servants. [15] And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his *officers, and to his servants. [16] And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work. [17] He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. [18] And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

Heb. eunuchs.

[19] Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; [20] that we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. [21] And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD. [22] And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

IX. Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name *was* Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, *a Benjamite,

Or, the son of a man of Jemini.

a mighty man of *power. [2]And he had a son, whose name *was* Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and *there was* not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward *he was* higher than any of the people.

*Or, substance.

[3]And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. [4]And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found *them* not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and *there they were* not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found *them* not. [5]*And* when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses, and take thought for us. [6]And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this city a man of God, and *he is* an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go. [7]Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, *if* we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread *is spent in our vessels, and *there is* not a present to bring to the man of God: what *have we? [8]And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, *I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: *that* will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way. [9](Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for *he that is* now *called* a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) [10]Then said Saul to his servant, *Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God *was*.

*Heb. is gone out of, &c.

*Heb. is with us.

*Heb. there is found in my hand.

*Heb. Thy word is good.

[11]*And* as they went up *the hill to the

*Heb. in the ascent of the city.

city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? [12] And they answered them and said, He is; behold, *he is* before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for *there is* a *sacrifice of the people to day in the high place: [13] as soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about *this time ye shall find him. [14] And they went up into the city: *and* when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

[15] Now the LORD had *told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, [16] To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him *to be* captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. [17] And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall *reign over my people.

[18] Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house *is*. [19] And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I *am* the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that *is* in thine heart. [20] And as for thine asses that were lost *three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom *is* all the desire of Israel? *Is it* not on thee, and on all thy father's house? [21] And Saul answered and said, *Am* not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the

Or, *feast.*

Heb. *to day.*

Heb. *revealed the ear of Samuel.*

Heb. *restrain in.*

Heb. *to day three days.*

tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou *so to me? *Heb. according to this word.*

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which *were* about thirty persons. 23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. 24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and *that* which *was* upon it, and set *it* before Saul. And *Samuel* said, Behold that which is *left! set *it* before thee, *and* eat: for unto *Or, reserved.* this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* communed with Saul upon the top of the house. 26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

27 *And* as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still *a while, that I may shew thee the word of *Heb. to day.* God.

X. Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured *it* upon his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because the LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain over his inheritance? 2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left

*the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, Heb. *the business.* saying, What shall I do for my son? [3] Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: [4] and they will *salute thee, and give thee two *loaves* of Heb. *ask thee of peace.* bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands. [5] After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where *is* the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy: [6] and the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. [7] And *let it be, Heb. *it shall come to pass, that when these signs, &c.* when these signs are come unto thee, **that* Heb. *do for thee as thine hand shall find.* thou do as occasion serve thee; for God *is* with thee. [8] And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee to offer burnt offerings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

[9] And it was *so*, that when he had turned his *back to go from Samuel, God *gave him another Heb. *shoulder.* Heb. *turned.* heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. [10] And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. [11] And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said *one to another, What *is* Heb. *a man to his neighbour.* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also

among the prophets? [12] And one *of the same place answered and said, But who *is* their father? Therefore it became a proverb, *Is* Saul also among the prophets? [13] And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

*Heb. *from thence.*

[14] And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that *they were* no where, we came to Samuel. [15] And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. [16] And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

[17] And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh; [18] and said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, *and* of them that oppressed you: [19] and ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

[20] And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. [21] When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

[22] Therefore they inquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff. [23] And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than

any of the people from his shoulders and upward.
[24] And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that *there is* none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, *God save the king. Heb. *Let the king live.*

[25] Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it* in a book, and laid *it* up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. [26] And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched. [27] But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But *he held his peace. Or, *he was as though he had been deaf.*

XI. Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. [2] And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this *condition* will I make *a covenant* with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it *for* a reproach upon all Israel. [3] And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, *Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if *there be* no man to save us, we will come out to thee. Heb. *Forbear us.* [4] Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

[5] And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What *aileth* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh. [6] And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly. [7] And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout all the coasts

of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out *with one consent. 8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To morrow, by *that time* the sun be hot, ye shall have *help. And the messengers came and shewed *it* to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. 10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

11 And it was *so* on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 And the people said unto Samuel, Who *is* he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. 13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there. 15 And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

XII. And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold,

*Heb. *as one man.* *Or, *deliverance.*

I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. 2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons *are* with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. 3 Behold, here I *am:* witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received *any* *bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. 4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand. 5 And he said unto them, The LORD *is* witness against you, and his anointed *is* witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, *He is* witness.

* Heb. *ransom.*
* Or, *that I should hide mine eyes at him.*

6 And Samuel said unto the people, *It is* the LORD that *advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. 7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the *righteous acts of the LORD, which he did *to you and to your fathers. 8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place. 9 And when they forgat the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. 10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ash-

* Or, *made.*
* Heb. *righteousnesses*, or, *benefits.*
* Heb. *with.*

taroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. [11] And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe. [12] And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God *was* your king. [13] Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, *and* whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you. [14] If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the *commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you *continue following the LORD your God: [15] but if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as *it was* against your fathers. [16] Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes. [17] *Is it* not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

[18] So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. [19] And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king. [20] And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; [21] and turn ye not aside: for *then*

*Heb. *mouth.*

*Heb. *be after.*

should ye go after vain *things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain. 22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. 23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD *in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: 24 only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider *how great *things* he hath done for you. 25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

Heb. from ceasing.

Or, what a great thing, &c.

XIII. SAUL *reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, 2 Saul chose him three thousand *men* of Israel; *whereof* two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

Heb. the son of one year in his reigning.

3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in *Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it.* And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. 4 And all Israel heard say *that* Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and *that* Israel also *was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal. 5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which *is* on the seashore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.

Or, the hill.

Heb. did stink.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and

in rocks, and in high places, and in pits. 7 And *some of* the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he *was* yet in Gilgal, and all the people *followed him trembling. Heb. *trembled after him.*

8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel *had appointed:* but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. 9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might *salute him. 11 And Samuel said, What hast Heb. *bless him.* thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* thou camest not within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; 12 therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not *made supplica- Heb. *intreated the face of, &c.* tion unto the LORD; I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. 13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. 14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people *that were* *present with him, about six Heb. *found.* hundred men.

16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people *that were* present with them, abode in *Gibeah Heb. *Geba.*

of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. [17] And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way *that leadeth to* Ophrah, unto the land of Shual: [18] and another company turned the way *to* Beth-horon: and another company turned *to* the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

[19] Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make *them* swords or spears: [20] but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock. [21] Yet they had *a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and *to sharpen the goads. [22] So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that *were* with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul, and with Jonathan his son, was there found.

[23] And the *garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

XIV. Now *it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that *is* on the other side. But he told not his father. [2] And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which *is* in Migron: and the people that *were* with him *were* about six hundred men; [3] and Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, I-chabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone. [4] And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, *there was* a sharp

Heb. *a file with mouths.*

Heb. *to set.*

Or, *standing camp.*

Or, *there was a day.*

rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one *was* Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5 The *forefront of the one *was* situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah. 6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for *there is* no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few. 7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that *is* in thine heart: turn thee: behold, I *am* with thee according to thy heart. 8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto *these* men, and we will discover ourselves unto them. 9 If they say thus unto us, *Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. 10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this *shall be* a sign unto us.

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. 12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel. 13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him. 14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were *an half acre of land, *which* a yoke *of oxen might plow.*

15 And there was trembling in the host, in the field,

Heb. *tooth.*

Heb. *Be still.*

Or, *half a furrow of an acre of land.*

and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was *a very great trembling. Heb. *a trembling of God.*

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down *one another.* 17 Then said Saul unto the people that *were* with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer *were* not *there.* 18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God: (for the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.) 19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the *noise that *was* in the host of the Philistines Or, *tumult.* went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand. 20 And Saul and all the people that *were* with him *assembled themselves, Heb. *were cried together.* and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, *and there was* a very great discomfiture. 21 Moreover, the Hebrews *that* were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp *from the country* round about, even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites that *were* with Saul and Jonathan. 22 Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. 23 So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven.

24 And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any* food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted *any* food. 25 And all *they of* the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the

ground. [26] And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath. [27] But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. [28] Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed *be* that man that eateth *any* food this day. And the people were *faint. [29] Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. [30] How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines? [31] And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

*Or, weary.

[32] And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew *them* on the ground: and the people did eat *them* with the blood. [33] Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have *transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day. [34] And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay *them* here, and eat: and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox *with him that night, and slew *them* there. [35] And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: *the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

*Or, *dealt treacherously.*

*Heb. *in his hand.*

*Heb. *that altar he began to build unto the LORD.*

36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. 37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day. 38 And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the *chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. 39 For, *as* the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But *there was* not a man among all the people *that* answered him. 40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee. 41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, *Give a perfect *lot*. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people *escaped. 42 And Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

Heb. corners.

Or, Shew the innocent.

Heb. went forth.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in mine hand, *and*, lo, I must die. 44 And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. 45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: *as* the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not. 46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed *them*. 48 And he *gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them. *Or, wrought mightily.*

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters *were these;* the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal: 50 and the name of Saul's wife *was* Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host *was* *Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. *Heb. Abiner.* 51 And Kish *was* the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner *was* the son of Abiel. 52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

XV. Samuel also said unto Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord. 2 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I remember *that* which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. 3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. 5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and *laid wait in the valley. *Or, fought.* 6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you

down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. [7] And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah *until* thou comest to Shur, that *is* over against Egypt. [8] And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. [9] But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and *of the second sort. Or, the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

[10] Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, [11] It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. [12] And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

[13] And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. [14] And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? [15] And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. [16] Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

[17] And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine

own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? [18] And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until *they be consumed. [19] Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? [20] And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. [21] But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

[22] And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams. [23] For rebellion *is as* the sin of *witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

[24] And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. [25] Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. [26] And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. [27] And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. [28] And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given

Heb. *they consume them.*

Heb. *divination.*

it to a neighbour of thine *that is* better than thou.
29 And also the *Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he *is* not a man, that he should repent.
30 Then he said, I have sinned: *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.
31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.
32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. 33 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.
34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. 35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

XVI. And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. 2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer *with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.
4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his *coming, and said, Comest

* Or, *eternity*, or, *victory*.
* Heb. *in thine hand*.
* Heb. *meeting*.

thou peaceably? [5] And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

[6] And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before him. [7] But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the *outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. [8] Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. [9] Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. [10] Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

[11] And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit *down till he come hither. [12] And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal *of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he. [13] Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

[14] But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD *troubled him. [15] And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. [16] Let our lord now command thy servants *which are* before thee, to

Heb. *eyes.*

Heb. *round.*

Heb. *fair of eyes.*

Or, *terrified.*

seek out a man *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. [17] And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me. [18] Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in *matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him. [19] Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which *is* with the sheep. [20] And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son unto Saul. [21] And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. [22] And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. [23] And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

* Or, *speech.*

XVII. Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in *Ephes-dammim. [2] And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and *set the battle in array against the Philistines. [3] And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between them.

* Or, *the coast of Dammim.*

* Heb. *ranged the battle.*

[4] And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height

was six cubits and a span. [5] And *he had* an helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* *armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass. [6] And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a *target of brass between his shoulders. [7] And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him. [8] And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. [9] If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. [10] And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. [11] When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

[12] Now David *was* the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name *was* Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men *for* an old man in the days of Saul. [13] And the three eldest sons of Jesse went *and* followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. [14] And David *was* the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul. [15] But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem. [16] And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

[17] And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched *corn*, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;

* Heb. *clothed.*
* Or, *gorget.*

18 and carry these ten *cheeses unto the *captain of *their* thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

Heb. cheeses of milk.

Heb. captain of a thousand.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the *trench, as the host was going forth to the *fight, and shouted for the battle.

Or, place of the carriage.

Or, battle array, or, place of fight.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

22 And David left *his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and *saluted his brethren.

Heb. the vessels from upon him.

Heb. asked his brethren of peace.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard *them*.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled *from him, and were sore afraid.

Heb. from his face.

25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, *that* the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither?

and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. 29 And David said, What have I now done? *Is there* not a cause? 30 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same *manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. *Heb. word.*

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed *them* before Saul: and he *sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a *lamb out of the flock: 35 and I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. 37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. *Heb. to him.* *Or, kid.

38 And Saul *armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. 39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not *Heb. clothed David with his clothes.*

proved *them*. And David put them off him. [40] And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the *brook, and put them in a Or, *valley*.
shepherd's *bag which he had, even in a scrip; Heb. *vessel*.
and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

[41] And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him. [42] And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. [43] And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. [44] And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

[45] Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. [46] This day will the LORD *deliver Heb. *shut thee up*.
thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. [47] And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

[48] And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. [49] And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead;

and he fell upon his face to the earth. [50] So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David. [51] Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith.

And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. [52] And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. [53] And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents. [54] And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

[55] And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son *is* this youth? And Abner said, *As* thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. [56] And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling *is*. [57] And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. [58] And Saul said to him, Whose son *art* thou, *thou* young man? And David answered, *I am* the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.

XVIII. And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. [2] And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. [3] Then Jonathan and David made a covenant,

because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* *behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

Or, *prospered.*

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the *Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with *instruments of musick.

Or, *Philistines.*

Heb. *three-stringed instruments.*

7 And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. 8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying *displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom? 9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

Heb. *was evil in his eyes.*

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall *with it.* And David avoided out of his presence twice.

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul. 13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. 14 And David *behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with

Or, *prospered.*

him. 15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou *valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him. 18 And David said unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king? 19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

*Heb. *a son of valour.*

20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing *pleased him. 21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in *the one of* the twain.

*Heb. *was right in his eyes.*

22 And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law. 23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son in law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed? 24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, *On this manner spake David. 25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. 26 And when his servants told David

*Heb. *According to these words.*

these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not *expired. Heb. *fulfilled.*
[27] Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife. [28] And Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Michal Saul's daughter loved him. [29] And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually. [30] Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, *that* David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much *set by. Heb. *precious.*

XIX. AND Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. [2] But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thyself: [3] and I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

[4] And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been* to thee-ward very good: [5] for he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel; thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? [6] And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware,

As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as *in times past. *Heb. yesterday third day.*

8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from *him. *Heb. his face.*

9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand. 10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. 11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain. 12 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13 And Michal took an *image, and laid *it* in the bed, and put a *Heb. teraphim.* pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a cloth. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He *is* sick. 15 And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. 16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster. 17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

18 So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. 19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in

Ramah. [20] And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. [21] And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. [22] Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah. [23] And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. [24] And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and *lay down naked Heb. *fell.* all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

XX. And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what *is* mine iniquity? and what *is* my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? [2] And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will *shew it me: and why should my Heb. *uncover mine ear.* father hide this thing from me? it *is* not *so*. [3] And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, *there is* but a step between me and death.

[4] Then said Jonathan unto David, *Whatsoever thy soul *desireth, I will even do *it* for thee. [5] And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow *is* the new moon, and I should not

Or, *Say what is thy mind, and I will do, &c.*
Heb. *speaketh,* or, *thinketh.*

fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third *day* at even. [6] If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for *there is* a yearly *sacrifice there for all the family. [7] If he say thus, *It is* well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him. [8] Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father? [9] And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? [10] Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what *if* thy father answer thee roughly? [11] And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

[12] And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have *sounded my father about to morrow any time, *or* the third *day*, and, behold, *if there be* good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and *shew it thee; [13] the LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father *to do* thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father. [14] And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not: [15] but *also* thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. [16] So Jonathan *made *a cove-*

Or, *feast.*

Heb. *searched.*

Heb. *uncover thine ear.*

Heb. *cut.*

nant with the house of David, *saying*, Let the LORD even require *it* at the hand of David's enemies. [17] And Jonathan caused David to swear again, *because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul. (*Or, by his love toward him.)

[18] Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow *is* the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be *empty. [19] And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down *quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself *when the business was *in hand*, and shalt remain by the stone *Ezel. [20] And I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof*, as though I shot at a mark. [21] And, behold, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for *there is* peace to thee, and *no hurt; *as* the LORD liveth. [22] But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away. [23] And *as touching* the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD *be* between thee and me for ever.

(Heb. missed. Or, diligently. Heb. greatly. Heb. in the day of the business. Or, that sheweth the way. Heb. not any thing.)

[24] So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat. [25] And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. [26] Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he *is* not clean; surely he *is* not clean.

[27] And it came to pass on the morrow, *which was* the second *day* of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yes-

terday, nor to day? [28] And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Beth-lehem: [29] and he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there:* and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

[30] Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, *Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman*, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness? [31] For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he *shall surely die. [32] And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done? [33] And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David. [34] So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

Or, *Thou perverse rebel.* Heb. *Son of perverse rebellion.*

Heb. *is the son of death.*

[35] And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. [36] And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow *beyond him. [37] And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee? [38] And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the

Heb. *to pass over him.*

arrows, and came to his master. [39] But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. [40] And Jonathan gave his *artillery unto *his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

Heb. instruments. *Heb. the lad that was his.*

[41] *And* as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. [42] And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, *forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

Or, the LORD be witness of that which, &c.

XXI. Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why *art* thou alone, and no man with thee? [2] And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and such a place. [3] Now therefore what is under thine hand? give *me* five *loaves of* bread in mine hand, or what there is *present. [4] And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women. [5] And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women *have been* kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in a manner common, *yea, though it were sanctified this day in the

Heb. found.

Or, especially when this day there is other sanctified in the vessel.

vessel. [6]So the priest gave him hallowed *bread:* for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

[7]Now a certain man of the servants of Saul *was* there that day, detained before the LORD: and his name *was* Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that *belonged* to Saul. [8]And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste. [9]And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it *is here* wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take *it:* for *there is* no other save that here. And David said, *There is* none like that: give it me.

[10]And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to *Achish the king of Gath. *Or, Abimelech.*

[11]And the servants of Achish said unto him, *Is* not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? [12]And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath. [13]And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and *scrabbled on *Or, made marks.* the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. [14]Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man *is mad: wherefore *then* *Or, playeth the mad man.* have ye brought him unto me? [15]Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this *fellow* to play the mad man in my presence? shall this *fellow* come into my house?

XXII. David therefore departed thence, and escaped

to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard *it*, they went down thither to him. [2] And every one *that was* in distress, and every one that *was* *in debt, and every one *that was* *discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

*Heb. *had a creditor.*
*Heb. *bitter of soul.*

[3] And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will do for me. [4] And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold. [5] And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

[6] When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that *were* with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a *tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants *were* standing about him;) [7] then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds; [8] that all of you have conspired against me, and *there is* none that *sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

*Or, *grove in a high place.*
*Heb. *uncovereth mine ear.*

[9] Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that *were* in Nob: and they came all of them to the king. 12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, *Here I *am*, my lord. 13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? 14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who *is so* faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house? 15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, *less or more.

16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.

17 And the king said unto the *footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD. 18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod. 19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings,

Heb. *Behold me.*

Heb. *little or great.*

Or, *guard.* Heb. *runners.*

and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. 21 And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests. 22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day, when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned *the death* of all the persons of thy father's house. 23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou *shalt be* in safeguard.

XXIII. Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. 2 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. 3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? 4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, *that* he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.

7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. 8 And Saul called all the

people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9 And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. 10 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. 11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. 12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah *deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver *thee* up.

Heb. *shut up.*

13 Then David and his men, *which were* about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth. 14 And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David *was* in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood. 16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. 18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is*

*on the south of *Jeshimon? [20] Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part *shall be* to deliver him into the king's hand. [21] And Saul said, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me. [22] Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his *haunt is, *and* who hath seen him there: for it is told me *that* he dealeth very subtilly. [23] See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah. [24] And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

[25] Saul also and his men went to seek *him*. And they told David: wherefore he came down *into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *that*, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon. [26] And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them. [27] But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have *invaded the land. [28] Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place *Sela-hammah-lekoth. [29] And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at En-gedi.

Heb. *on the right hand.* Or, *the wilderness.*

Heb. *foot shall be.*

Or, *from the rock.*

Heb. *spread themselves upon, &c.*

That is, *the rock of divisions.*

XXIV. And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from *following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David *is* in the wilder-

Heb. *after.*

ness of En-gedi. [2] Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. [3] And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where *was* a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. [4] And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of *Saul's robe privily. Heb. *the robe which* was *Saul's.* [5] And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. [6] And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD. [7] So David *stayed his Heb. *cut off.* servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on *his* way. [8] David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

[9] And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? [10] Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave; and *some* bade *me* kill thee: but *mine eye* spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he *is* the LORD's anointed. [11] Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that *there is* neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have

not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it. [12] The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. [13] As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. [14] After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. [15] The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and *deliver me out of thine hand. *Heb. judge.*

[16] And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. [17] And he said to David, Thou *art* more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil. [18] And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had *delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not. *Heb. shut me up.* [19] For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day. [20] And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand. [21] Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house. [22] And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

XXV. AND Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah.

And David arose, and went down to the wilderness

of Paran. [2] And *there was* a man in Maon, whose *possessions *were* in Carmel; and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. [3] Now the name of the man *was* Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb. [4] And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep. [5] And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and *greet him in my name: [6] and thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be* unto all that thou hast. [7] And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we *hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel. [8] Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

Or, *business was.*

Heb. *ask him in my name of peace.*

Heb. *shamed.*

[9] And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and *ceased. [10] And Nabal answered David's servants and said, Who *is* David? and who *is* the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master. [11] Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my *flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men whom I know not whence they *be?* [12] So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings. [13] And David

Heb. *rested.*

Heb. *slaughter.*

said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he *railed on them. 15 But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not *hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields: 16 they were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. 17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is such* a son of Belial, that *a man* cannot speak to him.

*Heb. *flew upon them.*

*Heb. *shamed.*

18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred *clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses. 19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal. 20 And it was *so*, *as* she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

*Or, *lumps.*

21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good. 22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, 24 and fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon* me *let this* iniquity *be:* and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine *audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. 25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, *regard this man of Belial, *even* Nabal: for as his name *is*, so *is* he; *Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. 26 Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from *avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. 27 And now this *blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that *follow my lord. 28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days. 29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, *as out* of the middle of a sling. 30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; 31 that this shall be *no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall

Heb. *ears.*

Heb. *lay it to his heart.*

That is, *fool.*

Heb. *saving thyself.*

Or, *present.*

Heb. *walk at the feet of, &c.*

Heb. *in the midst of the bow of a sling.*

Heb. *no staggering,* or, *stumbling.*

have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: 33 and blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. 34 For in very deed, *as* the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. 35 So David received of her hand *that* which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. 37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone.

38 And it came to pass about ten days *after*, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died. 39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head.

And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. 40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. 41 And she arose, and bowed

herself on *her* face to the earth, and said, Behold, *let* thine handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. 42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of her's that went *after her; and she went after the mes- Heb. *at her feet.* sengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives. 44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which *was* of Gallim.

XXVI. And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon? 2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. 3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. 4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the *trench, and the Or, *midst of his carriages.* people pitched round about him.

6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him. 8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath *delivered thine Heb. *shut up.*

enemy into thine hand this day; now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time. [9] And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless? [10] David said furthermore, *As* the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. [11] The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that *is* at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go. [12] So David took the spear, and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for they *were* all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

[13] Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space *being* between them: [14] and David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who *art* thou *that* criest to the king? [15] And David said to Abner, *Art* not thou a *valiant* man? and who *is* like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord. [16] This thing *is* not good that thou hast done. *As* the LORD liveth, ye *are* *worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear *is*, and the cruse of water that *was* at his bolster.

* Heb. *the sons of death.*

[17] And Saul knew David's voice, and said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And David said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O king. [18] And he said, Wherefore

doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil *is* in mine hand? [19] Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him *accept an offering: Heb. *smell.* but if *they be* the children of men, cursed *be* they before the LORD: for they have driven me out this day from *abiding in the inheritance of the Heb. *cleaving.* LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods. [20] Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

[21] Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly. [22] And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear; and let one of the young men come over and fetch it. [23] The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into *my* hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed. [24] And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation. [25] Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

XXVII. AND David said in his heart, I shall now *perish one day by the hand of Saul: *there is* Heb. *be consumed.* nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines: and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of

Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand. [2] And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that *were* with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath. [3] And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, *even* David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. [4] And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

[5] And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? [6] Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day. [7] And *the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was *a full year and four months.

Heb. *the number of days.*

Heb. a year *of days.*

[8] And David and his men went up and invaded the Geshurites, and the *Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. [9] And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish. [10] And Achish said, *Whither have ye made a road to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites. [11] And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so *will be* his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines. [12] And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his

Or, *Gerzites.*

Or, *Did you not make a road, &c.*

people Israel *utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever. *Heb. to stink.*

XXVIII. And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men. [2] And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

[3] Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city.

And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. [4] And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. [5] And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. [6] And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. [7] Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.

[8] And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* up, whom I shall name unto thee. [9] And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to

cause me to die? [10] And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. [11] Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

[12] And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul. [13] And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. [14] And he said unto her, *What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he *is* covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself. *Heb. What is his form?*

[15] And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither *by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. [16] Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? *Heb. by the hand of prophets.*

[17] And the LORD hath done *to him, as he spake by *me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David: [18] because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. [19] Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow *shalt* thou and thy sons *be* with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines. *Or, for himself.* *Heb. mine hand.*

[20] Then Saul *fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

*Heb. made haste, and fell with the fulness of his stature.

[21] And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. [22] Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. [23] But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. [24] And the woman had a fat calf in the house: and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded *it*, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: [25] and she brought *it* before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

XXIX. Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which *is* in Jezreel. [2] And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish. [3] Then said the princes of the Philistines, What *do* these Hebrews *here?* And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, *Is* not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell *unto me* unto this day? [4] And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make

this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? *should it* not *be* with the heads of these men? [5] *Is* not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

[6] Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, *as* the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host *is* good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless *the lords favour thee not. [7] Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou *displease not the lords of the Philistines. [8] And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been *with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king? [9] And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou *art* good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. [10] Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

[11] So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

XXX. AND it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; [2] and had

Heb. thou art *not good in the eyes of the lords.*

Heb. do not evil in the eyes of the lords.

Heb. before thee.

taken the women captives, that *were* therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried *them* away, and went on their way. [3] So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. [4] Then David and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. [5] And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. [6] And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was *grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

*Heb. bitter.

[7] And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. [8] And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*. [9] So David went, he and the six hundred men that *were* with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. [10] But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

[11] And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; [12] and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights. [13] And David said

unto him, To whom *belongest* thou? and whence *art* thou? And he said, I *am* a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days agone I fell sick. [14] We made an invasion *upon* the south of the Cherethites, and upon *the coast* which *belongeth* to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. [15] And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

[16] And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating, and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. [17] And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of *the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels and fled. [18] And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. [19] And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all. [20] And David took all the flocks and the herds, *which* they drave before those *other* cattle, and said, This *is* David's spoil.

[21] And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that *were* with him: and when David came near to the people, he *saluted them. [22] Then answered all the wicked men, and *men* of Belial, of

* Heb. *their morrow.*

* Or, *asked them how they did.*

*those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away and depart. [23] Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand. [24] For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part *is* that goeth down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike. [25] And it was *so* from that day *forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

[26] And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, saying, Behold a *present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD; [27] to *them* which *were* in Beth-el, and to *them* which *were* in south Ramoth, and to *them* which *were* in Jattir, [28] and to *them* which *were* in Aroer, and to *them* which *were* in Siphmoth, and to *them* which *were* in Eshtemoa, [29] and to *them* which *were* in Rachal, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Kenites, [30] and to *them* which *were* in Hormah, and to *them* which *were* in Chor-ashan, and to *them* which *were* in Athach, [31] and to *them* which *were* in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

XXXI. Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down *slain in mount Gilboa. [2] And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchi-shua, Saul's sons. [3] And the battle went sore against Saul, and the *archers

Heb. *the men.*

Heb. *and forward.*

Heb. *blessing.*

Or, *wounded.*

Heb. *shooters, men with bows.*

*hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. [4] Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and *abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. [5] And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. [6] So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

Heb. *found him.*

Or, *mock me.*

[7] And when the men of Israel that *were* on the other side of the valley, and *they* that *were* on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

[8] And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. [9] And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it in* the house of their idols, and among the people. [10] And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

[11] And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard *of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; [12] all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. [13] And they took their bones, and buried *them* under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

Or, *concerning him.*

II. SAMUEL.

I. Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; [2] it came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and *so* it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. [3] And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. [4] And David said unto him, * How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

Heb. *What was, &c.*

[5] And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead? [6] And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. [7] And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, * Here *am* I. [8] And he said unto me, Who *art* thou? And I answered him, I *am* an Amalekite. [9] He said unto me

Heb. *Behold me.*

again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for *anguish is come upon me, because my life *is* yet whole in me. [10] So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after he was fallen: and I took the crown that *was* upon his head, and the bracelet that *was* on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

*Or, *my coat of mail, or, my embroidered coat hindereth me, that my, &c.*

[11] Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that *were* with him: [12] and they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

[13] And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence *art* thou? And he answered, I *am* the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. [14] And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed? [15] And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, *and* fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. [16] And David said unto him, Thy blood *be* upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

[17] And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son: ([18] also he bade them teach the children of Judah *the use of* the bow: behold, *it is* written in the book *of Jasher.)

*Or, *of the upright.*

[19] The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen! [20] Tell *it* not in Gath, publish *it* not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

[21] Ye mountains of Gilboa, *let there be* no dew, neither

let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, *as though he had* not *been* anointed with oil. [22] From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

[23] Saul and Jonathan *were* lovely and *pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

Or, sweet.

[24] Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with *other* delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel. [25] How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, *thou wast* slain in thine high places.

[26] I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. [27] How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

II. And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. [2] So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite. [3] And his men that *were* with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. [4] And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

And they told David, saying, *That* the men of

Jabesh-gilead *were they* that buried Saul. [5] And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, *even* unto Saul, and have buried him. [6] And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. [7] Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and *be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, Heb. *be ye the sons of valour.* and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

[8] But Abner the son of Ner, captain of *Saul's host, took *Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and Heb. *the host which* was *Saul's.* Or, *Esh-baal.* brought him over to Mahanaim; [9] and made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. [10] Ish-bosheth Saul's son *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. [11] And the *time that David was king in Hebron over Heb. *number of days.* the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

[12] And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. [13] And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met *together Heb. *them together.* by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. [14] And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. [15] Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which *pertained* to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. [16] And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place

was called *Helkath-hazzurim, which *is* in Gibeon. [17] And there was a very sore battle that day: and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

*That is, *The field of strong men.*

[18] And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel *was as* light *of foot *as a wild roe. [19] And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left *from following Abner. [20] Then Abner looked behind him, and said, *Art* thou Asahel? And he answered, I *am*. [21] And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his *armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him. [22] And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother? [23] Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth *rib*, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, *that* as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still. [24] Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner; and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

Heb. *of his feet.* Heb. *as one of the roes that* is *in the field.*

Heb. *from after Abner.*

Or, *spoil.*

[25] And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of an hill. [26] Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

27 And Joab said, *As* God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then *in the morning the people had *gone up every one from following his brother. 28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

*Heb. *from the morning.*

*Or, *gone away.*

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim. 30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. 31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, *so that* three hundred and three score men died. 32 And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which *was in* Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

III. Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam, the Jezreelitess; 3 and his second, *Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; 4 and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; 5 and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; and the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

*Or, *Daniel.*

6 And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul. 7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name *was* Rizpah, the daugh-

ter of Aiah: and *Ish-bosheth* said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? [8] Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, *Am* I a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to day with a fault concerning this woman? [9] So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; [10] to translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba. [11] And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

[12] And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose *is* the land? saying *also*, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee. [13] And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, *that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. [14] And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver *me* my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines. [15] And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from *her* husband, *even* from Phaltiel the son of Laish. [16] And her husband went with her *along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

[17] And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David *in times past *to be* king over you: [18] now then do *it:* for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand

Heb. *saying.*

Heb. *going and weeping.*

Heb. *both yesterday and the third day.*

of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. [19] And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin. [20] So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that *were* with him a feast. [21] And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

[22] And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner *was* not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. [23] When Joab and all the host that *was* with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. [24] Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why *is* it *that* thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? [25] Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.

[26] And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew *it* not. [27] And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him *quietly, and smote him there under the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

* Or, *peaceably.*

28 And afterward when David heard *it*, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD for ever from the *blood of Abner the son of Ner: *Heb. bloods.*
29 let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house: and let there not *fail from the house *Heb. be cut off.*
of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread. 30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the *bier. 32 And they buried *Heb. bed.*
Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. 33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? 34 Thy hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before *wicked men, *so* fellest thou. *Heb. children of iniquity.*

And all the people wept again over him. 35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down. 36 And all the people took notice *of it*, and it *pleased them: as whatsoever the *Heb. was good in their eyes.*
king did pleased all the people. 37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? 39 And I *am* this day *weak, though *Heb. tender.*
anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah *be* too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

IV. And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. [2] And Saul's son had two men *that were* captains of bands: the name of the one *was* Baanah, and the name of the *other Rechab, Heb. *second.* the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin: [3] and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.)

[4] And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *that was* lame of *his* feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name *was* *Mephibosheth. Or, *Merib-baal.*

[5] And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. [6] And they came thither into the midst of the house, *as though* they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth *rib:* and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. [7] For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night. [8] And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

[9] And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, *As* the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, [10] when one told me, say-

ing, Behold, Saul is dead, *thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, *who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his tidings: 11 how much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth? 12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried *it* in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

Heb. he was in his own eyes as a bringer, &c.

Or, which was the reward I gave him for his tidings.

V. Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh. 2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years. 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: *thinking, David cannot come in hither. 7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same *is* the city of David. 8 And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, *that are* hated

Or, saying, David shall not, &c.

of David's soul, *he shall be chief and captain.* *Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

Or, *Because they had said, even the blind and the lame, He shall not come into the house.*

9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. 10 And David *went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.

Heb. *went going and growing.*

11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and *masons: and they built David an house. 12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

Heb. *hewers of the stone of the wall.*

13 And David took *him* more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. 14 And these *be* the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; *Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, 15 Ibhar also, and *Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 16 and Elishama, and *Eliada, and Eliphalet.

Or, *Shimea.*

Or, *Elishama.*

Or, *Beeliada.*

17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard *of it*, and went down to the hold. 18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 19 And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place *Baal-perazim. 21 And there

That is, *The plain of breaches.*

they left their images, and David and his men *burned them. Or, *took them away.*

22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 23 And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; *but* fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. 24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. 25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

VI. Again, David gathered together all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose, and went with all the people that *were* with him, from *Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, *whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth *between* the cherubims. Or, *Baalah*, that is, *Kirjath-jearim.* Or, *at which the name* even *the name of the LORD of hosts, was called upon.*

3 And they *set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that *was* in *Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which *was* in Gibeah, *accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of *instruments made of* fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. Heb. *made to ride.* Or, *the hill.* Heb. *with.*

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen *shook *it*. 7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and Or, *stumbled.*

God smote him there for *his* *error; and there he died by the ark of God. [8] And David was displeased, because the LORD had *made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place *Perez-uzzah to this day.

*Or, *rashness.*

*Heb. *broken.*

*That is, *The breach of Uzzah.*

[9] And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? [10] So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. [11] And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

[12] And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness. [13] And it was *so*, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. [14] And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod. [15] So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

[16] And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

[17] And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had *pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. [18] And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the

*Heb. *stretched.*

people in the name of the LORD of hosts. [19] And he dealt among all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece *of flesh*, and a flagon *of wine*. So all the people departed every one to his house.

[20] Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows *shamelessly uncovereth himself! [21] And David said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. [22] And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and *of the maid-servants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. [23] Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

* Or, *openly.*

* Or, *of the handmaids of my servants.*

VII. AND it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; [2] that the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. [3] And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that *is* in thine heart, for the LORD *is* with thee.

[4] And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, [5] Go and tell *my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? [6] Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent

* Heb. *to my servant, to David.*

and in a tabernacle. [7] In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? [8] Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, *from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: [9] and I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies *out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth. [10] Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more: neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, [11] and as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. [12] And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. [13] He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. [14] I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: [15] but my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee. [16] And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

[17] According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

*Heb. *from after.*

*Heb. *from thy face.*

18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? 19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And *is* this the *manner of man, O Lord GOD! 20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant. 21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know *them*. 22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people, *even* like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods? 24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel *to be* a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God. 25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish *it* for ever, and do as thou hast said. 26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee. 27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast *revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. 28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou *art* that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: 29 therefore now

*Heb. *law.*

*Heb. *opened the ear.*

*let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken *it:* and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

Heb. *be thou pleased and bless.*

VIII. And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took *Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

Or, *the bridle of Ammah.*

[2] And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And *so* the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.

[3] David smote also *Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates. [4] And David took *from him a thousand *chariots*, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them *for* an hundred chariots. [5] And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. [6] Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, *and* brought gifts. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. [7] And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. [8] And from *Betah, and from *Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

Or, *Hadarezer.*

Or, *of his.*

Or, *Tibhath.* Or, *Chun.*

[9] When *Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer, [10] then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to *salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against

Or, *Tou.*

Heb. *ask him of peace.*

Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer *had wars with Toi. And *Joram* *brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass: [11] which also king David did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued; [12] of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

Heb. was a man of wars with. *Heb. in his hand were.*

[13] And David gat *him* a name when he returned from *smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, *being* eighteen thousand *men*. [14] And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

Heb. his smiting. Or, slaying.

[15] And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people. [16] And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* *recorder; [17] and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests: and Seraiah *was* the *scribe; [18] and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was over* both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were *chief rulers.

Or, *remembrancer*, or *writer of chronicles.* Or, *secretary.* Or, *princes.*

IX. AND David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? [2] And *there was* of the house of Saul a servant whose name *was* Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, *Art* thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant *is he*. [3] And the king said, *Is* there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath

yet a son, *which is* lame on *his* feet. 4 And the king said unto him, Where *is* he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he *is* in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar. 5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

6 Now when *Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! 7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. 8 And he bowed himself and said, What *is* thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I *am?*

*Called *Merib-baal.*

9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. 10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table as one of the king's sons. 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son whose name *was* Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba *were* servants unto Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

X. And it came to pass after this, that the king

of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. 2 Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, *Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David *rather* sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? 4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, *even* to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 When they told *it* unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

*Heb. *In thine eyes doth David?*

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of *Ish-tob twelve thousand men.

*Or, *the men of Tob.*

7 And when David heard of *it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehob, and Ish-tob, and Maacah, *were* by themselves in the field.

9 When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice *men* of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians: 10 and the rest of the people he delivered

into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put *them* in array against the children of Ammon. [11] And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. [12] Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good.

[13] And Joab drew nigh, and the people that *were* with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him. [14] And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

[15] And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together. [16] And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond *the river: and they came to Helam; and *Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before them. [17] And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. [18] And the Syrians fled before Israel: and David slew *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there. [19] And when all the kings *that were* servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

* That is, *Euphrates.*

* Or, *Shophach.*

XI. AND it came to pass, *after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and

* Heb. *at the return of the year.*

all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon. 3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this *Bath-sheba, the daughter of *Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? 4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; *for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. 5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I *am* with child.

Or, Bath-shua.

Or, Ammiel.

Or, and when she had purified herself, &c. she returned.

6 And David sent to Joab, *saying*, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded *of him* *how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. 8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there *followed him a mess *of meat* from the king. 9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. 10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from *thy* journey? why *then* didst thou not go down unto thine house? 11 And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *as* thou livest, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will

Heb. *of the peace of, &c.*

Heb. *went out after him.*

not do this thing. [12] And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. [13] And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

[14] And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. [15] And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the *hottest battle, Heb. *strong.* and retire ye *from him, that he may be smitten, Heb. *from after him.* and die.

[16] And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men *were*. [17] And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell *some* of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

[18] Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; [19] and charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king, [20] and if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? [21] Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

[22] So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for. [23] And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and

we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.
24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and *some* of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing *displease thee, for the sword devoureth *one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

Heb. be evil in thine eyes.

Heb. so and such.

26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.
27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son.

But the thing that David had done *displeased the LORD. XII. And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. 2 The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds: 3 but the poor *man* had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own *meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. 4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

Heb. was evil in the eyes of.

Heb. morsel.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, *As* the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* *shall surely die: 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

Or, is worthy to die, or, is a son of death.

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; 8 and I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. 9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. 11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. 14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die. 15 And Nathan departed unto his house.

And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. 16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David *fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. *Heb. *fasted a fast.* 17 And the elders of his house arose, *and went* to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. 18 And it came to

pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice; how will he then *vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? [19] But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. [20] Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. [21] Then said his servants unto him, What thing *is* this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. [22] And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? [23] But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

*Heb. do hurt.

[24] And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him. [25] And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name *Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

*That is, *Beloved of the LORD.*

[26] And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. [27] And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters. [28] Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the

city, and *it be called after my name. Heb. *my name be called upon it.*
29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. 30 And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof *was* a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was *set* on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city *in great Heb. *very great.* abundance. 31 And he brought forth the people that *were* therein, and put *them* under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

XIII. And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name *was* Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she *was* a virgin; and *Amnon thought it hard for him to do any Heb. *it was marvellous,* or, *hidden in the eyes of Amnon.* thing to her. 3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name *was* Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab *was* a very subtil man. 4 And he said unto him, Why *art* thou, *being* the king's son, *lean *from day to day? wilt thou not Heb. *thin.* Heb. *morning by morning.* tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. 5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see *it*, and eat *it* at her hand.

6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that

I may eat at her hand. [7] Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat. [8] So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took *flour, and kneaded *it*, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. [9] And she took a pan, and poured *them* out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

*Or, paste.

[10] And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the chamber to Amnon her brother. [11] And when she had brought *them* unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. [12] And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not *force me; for *no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.

*Heb. *humble me.* *Heb. *it ought not so to be done.*

[13] And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. [14] Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

[15] Then Amnon hated her *exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her *was* greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. [16] And she said unto him, *There is* no cause: this evil in sending me away *is* greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. [17] Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her. [18] And *she had* a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daugh-

*Heb. *with great hatred greatly.*

ters *that were* virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that *was* on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying. 20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath *Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he *is* thy brother; *regard not this thing. So Tamar remained *desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

Heb. Aminon. *Heb. set not thine heart.* *Heb. and desolate.*

21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. 22 And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which *is* beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons. 24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant. 25 And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. 26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee? 27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: *have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be *valiant. 29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons

Or, will you not, since I have commanded you? *Heb. sons of valour.*

arose, and every man *gat him up upon his mule, and fled. (*Heb. rode.*)

30 And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. 31 Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. 32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose *that* they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the *appointment of Absalom this hath been *determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. (*Heb. mouth. Or, settled.*) 33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead. 34 But Absalom fled.

And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him. 35 And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: *as thy servant said, so it is. (*Heb. according to the word of thy servant.*) 36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept *very sore. (*Heb. with a great weeping greatly.*)

37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of *Ammihud, king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day. (*Or, Ammihur.*)

38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. 39 And *the soul of* king David *longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead. (*Or, was consumed.*)

XIV. Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart *was* toward Absalom. 2 And Joab sent

to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead: [3] and come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

[4] And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, *Help, O king. [5] And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I *am* indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead. [6] And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and *there was* *none to part them, but the one smote the other and slew him. [7] And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder *upon the earth.

Heb. *Save.*

Heb. *no deliverer between them.*

Heb. *upon the face of the earth.*

[8] And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee. [9] And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity *be* on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne *be* guiltless. [10] And the king said, Whosoever saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more. [11] Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, *that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

Heb. *that the revenger of blood do not multiply to destroy.*

12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on. 13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished. 14 For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; *neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him. 15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid. 16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. 17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be *comfortable: for as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the king, *to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

* Or, *because God hath not taken away* his life, *he hath also devised means, &c.*

* Heb. *for rest.*

* Heb. *to hear.*

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. 19 And the king said, *Is not* the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, *As* thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid: 20 to fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdom

of an angel of God, to know all *things* that *are* in the earth.

[21] And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again. [22] And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and *thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of *his servant. [23] So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. [24] And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. [24] So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

Heb. *blessed.*

Or, *thy.*

[25] *But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. [26] And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled *it:* because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight. [27] And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

Heb. *And as Absalom there was not a beautiful man in all Israel to praise greatly.*

[28] So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face. [29] Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come. [30] Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is *near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. [31] Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto *his* house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy ser-

Heb. *near my place.*

vants set my field on fire? [32] And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? *it had been* good for me *to have been* there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me. [33] So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

XV. And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. [2] And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was *so*, that when any man that had a controversy *came (Heb. *to come.*) to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy servant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel. [3] And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters *are* good and right; but *there is* no man *deputed (Or, none will hear thee from the king downward.) of the king to hear thee. [4] Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! [5] And it was *so*, that when any man came nigh *to him* to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. [6] And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

[7] And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron. [8] For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the Lord shall bring me again

indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.
[9] And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

[10] But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. [11] And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, *that were* called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing. [12] And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, *even* from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

[13] And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. [14] And David said unto all his servants that *were* with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not *else* escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and *bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. [15] And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants *are ready to do* whatsoever my lord the king shall *appoint. [16] And the king went forth, and all his household *after him. And the king left ten women, *which were* concubines, to keep the house.

Heb. thrust.

Heb. choose.

Heb. at his feet.

[17] And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off. [18] And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

[19] Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou *art* a stranger, and also

an exile. [20] Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should I this day *make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth *be* with thee. [21] And Ittai answered the king, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be. [22] And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that *were* with him. [23] And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

* Heb. *make thee wander in going.*

[24] And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites *were* with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city. [25] And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me *both* it, and his habitation: [26] but if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, *here am* I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. [27] The king said also unto Zadok the priest, *Art not* thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. [28] See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me. [29] Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

[30] And David went up by the ascent of *mount* Olivet, *and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people

* Heb. *going up, and weeping.*

that *was* with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

31 And *one* told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

32 And it came to pass, that *when* David was come to the top *of the mount*, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: 33 unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me: 34 but if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; *as* I *have been* thy father's servant hitherto, so *will* I now also *be* thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel. 35 And *hast thou* not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, *that* what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell *it* to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. 36 Behold, *they have* there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's *son*, and Jonathan Abiathar's *son;* and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear. 37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

XVI. And when David was a little past the top *of the hill*, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. 2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *be* for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

[3] And the king said, And where *is* thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father. [4] Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine *are* all that *pertained* unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, *I humbly beseech thee *that* I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king. *Heb. I do obeisance.

[5] And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name *was* Shimei, the son of Gera: *he came forth, and cursed still as he came. *Or, he still came forth and cursed. [6] And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand and on his left. [7] And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou *bloody man, and thou man of Belial: *Heb. man of blood. [8] the LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, *behold, *Heb. behold thee in thy evil. thou *art taken* in thy mischief, because thou *art* a bloody man.

[9] Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. [10] And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so? [11] And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now *may this* Benjamite *do it?* let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. [12] It may be that the LORD will look on

mine *affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day. [13] And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and *cast dust. [14] And the king, and all the people that *were* with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

*Or, tears. Heb. eye.

*Heb. dusted him with dust.

[15] And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. [16] And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, *God save the king, God save the king. [17] And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? [18] And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and his people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide. [19] And again, whom should I serve? *should I* not *serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

*Heb. Let the king live.

[20] Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do. [21] And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong. [22] So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. [23] And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, *was* as if a man had enquired at the *oracle of God: so *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

*Heb. word.

XVII. Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom,

Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: [2] and I will come upon him while he *is* weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that *are* with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: [3] and I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest *is* as if all returned: *so* all the people shall be in peace. [4] And the saying *pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. [5] Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise *what he saith. [6] And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his *saying? if not; speak thou.

*Heb. was right in the eyes of, &c.

*Heb. what is in his mouth.

*Heb. word.

[7] And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath *given *is* not good at this time. [8] For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *be* mighty men, and they *be* *chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father *is* a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. [9] Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some *other* place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be *overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. [10] And he also *that is* valiant, whose heart *is* as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father *is* a mighty man, and *they* which *be* with him *are* valiant men. [11] Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude; and *that thou go to battle in thine own person. [12] So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found,

*Heb. counselled.

*Heb. bitter of soul.

*Heb. fallen.

*Heb. that thy face, or, presence go, &c.

and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that *are* with him there shall not be left so much as one. [13] Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

[14] And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite *is* better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had *appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, Heb. *commanded.* to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

[15] Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled. [16] Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that *are* with him.

[17] Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David. [18] Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down. [19] And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known. [20] And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where *is* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem. [21] And it came to pass, after

they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you. [22] Then David arose, and all the people that *were* with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

[23] And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not *followed, he saddled *his* ass, and arose, and Heb. *done.* gat him home to his house, to his city, and *put his household in order, and hanged himself, Heb. *gave charge concerning his house.* and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

[24] Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. [25] And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa *was* a man's son, whose name *was* *Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Or, *Jether an Ishmaelite.* *Abigail the daughter of *Nahash, sister to Heb. *Abigal.* Or, *Jesse.* Zeruiah Joab's mother. [26] So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

[27] And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, [28] brought beds, and *basons, and earthen vessels, Or, *cups.* and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched *corn*, and beans, and lentiles, and parched *pulse*, [29] and honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that *were* with him, to eat: for they said, The people *is* hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

XVIII. And David numbered the people that *were* with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. [2] And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third

part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also. [3] But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not *care for us; neither (Heb. *set* their *heart on us.*) if half of us die, will they care for us: but now *thou art* *worth ten thousand of us: therefore now (Heb. *as ten thousand of us.*) *it is* better that thou *succour us out of the city. (Heb. *be to succour.*) [4] And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

[5] And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, *Deal* gently for my sake with the young man, *even* with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

[6] So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; [7] where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men*. [8] For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood *devoured more people that day than (Heb. *multiplied to devour.*) the sword devoured.

[9] And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that *was* under him went away. [10] And a certain man saw *it*, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak. [11] And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest *him*, and why didst thou not smite

him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten *shekels* of silver, and a girdle. [12]And the man said unto Joab, Though I should *receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, *yet* would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, *Beware that none *touch* the young man Absalom. [13]Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against *me*. [14]Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus *with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he *was* yet alive in the *midst of the oak. [15]And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

[16]And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people. [17]And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

[18]Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place.

[19]Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath *avenged him of his enemies. [20]And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not *bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. [21]Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi

Heb. *weigh upon mine hand.*

Heb. *Beware whosoever* ye be, *&c.*

Heb. *before thee.*

Heb. *heart.*

Heb. *judged him from the hand, &c.*

Heb. *be a man of tidings.*

bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. [22] Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But *howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings *ready? [23] But howsoever, *said he*, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi.

*Heb. be what may.

*Or, convenient.

[24] And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. [25] And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* alone, *there is* tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. [26] And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. [27] And the watchman said, *Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

*Heb. I see the running.

[28] And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, *All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD thy God, which hath *delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. [29] And the king said, *Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*. [30] And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside, *and* stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. [31] And, behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said, *Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee

*Or, *Peace* be to thee. Heb. *Peace*.

*Heb. *shut up*.

*Heb. Is there *peace?*

*Heb. *Tidings is brought.*

this day of all them that rose up against thee. [32] And the king said unto Cushi, *Is* the young man Absalom safe? And Cushi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do *thee* hurt, be as *that* young man *is*. [33] And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

XIX. And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. [2] And the *victory that day was *turned* into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son. [3] And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. [4] But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!

[5] And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; [6]*in that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day *that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. [7] Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak *comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now. [8] Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they

Heb. *salvation, or, deliverance.*

Heb. *by loving, &c.*

Heb. *that princes or servants* are *not to thee.*

Heb. *to the heart of thy servants.*

told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom. 10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why *speak ye not a word of bringing the king back? *Heb.* are *ye silent?*

11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, *even* to his house. 12 Ye *are* my brethren, ye *are* my bones and my flesh; wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king? 13 And say ye to Amasa, *Art* thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab. 14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as *the heart of* one man; so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou, and all thy servants. 15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

16 And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which *was* of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. 17 And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons, and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king. 18 And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do *what he thought good. And Shimei the son *Heb.* *the good in his eyes.*

of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan; [19] and said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. [20] For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king. [21] But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD'S anointed? [22] And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I *am* this day king over Israel? [23] Therefore the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king sware unto him.

[24] And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *again* in peace. [25] And it came to pass when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth? [26] And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant *is* lame. [27] And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king *is* as an angel of God: do therefore *what is* good in thine eyes. [28] For all *of* my father's house were but *dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king? [29] And the king

Heb. men of death.

said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land. 30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan. 32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *even* fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he *was* a very great man. 33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem. 34 And Barzillai said unto the king, *How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem? (Heb. *How many days* are *the years of my life?*) 35 I *am* this day fourscore years old: *and* can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? 36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? 37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, *and be buried* by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. 38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt *require of me, *that* will I do for thee. (Heb. *choose.*) 39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place. 40 Then the king went

on to Gilgal, and *Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel. Heb. *Chimhan.*

41 And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan? 42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king *is* near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's *cost?* or hath he given us any gift? 43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye: why then did ye *despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel. Heb. *set us at light.*

XX. And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name *was* Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel. 2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem: and the king took the ten women *his* concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in *ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were *shut up unto the day of their death, *living in widowhood. Heb. *an house of ward.* Heb. *bound.* Heb. *in widowhood of life.*

4 Then said the king to Amasa, *Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou Heb. *Call.*

here present. [5] So Amasa went to assemble *the men of* Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him. [6] And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than *did* Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and *escape us. [7] And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

* Heb. *deliver himself from our eyes.*

[8] When they *were* at the great stone which *is* in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle *with* a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out. [9] And Joab said to Amasa, *Art* thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. [10] But Amasa took no heed to the sword that *was* in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth *rib*, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and *struck him not again; and he died.

* Heb. *doubled not his stroke.*

So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. [11] And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that *is* for David, *let him go* after Joab. [12] And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still. [13] When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. [14] And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites: and

they were gathered together, and went also after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and *it stood in the trench: and all the people that *were* with Joab *battered the wall, to throw it down.

*Or, it stood against the outmost wall.
*Heb. marred to throw down.

16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee. 17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, *Art* thou Joab? And he answered, I *am he.* Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. 18 Then she spake, saying, *They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel: and so they ended *the matter.* 19 I *am one of them that are* peaceable *and* faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?

*Or, They plainly spake in the beginning, saying, Surely they will ask of Abel, and so make an end.

20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. 21 The matter *is* not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri *by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, *even* against David; deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall.

*Heb. by his name.

22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom: and they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast *it* out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they *retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

*Heb. were scattered.

23 Now Joab *was* over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites: 24 and Adoram *was* over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* *recorder: 25 and Sheva *was* scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests: 26 and Ira also the Jairite was *a chief ruler about David.

Or, *remembrancer.*

Or, *a prince.*

XXI. THEN there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David *enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is* for Saul, and for *his* bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites. 2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites *were* not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.) 3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD? 4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, *We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, *that* will I do for you. 5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that *devised against us *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel, 6 let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, **whom* the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give *them.*

Heb. *sought the face, &c.*

Or, It is *not silver nor gold that we have to do with Saul or his house, neither* pertains it *to us to kill, &c.*

Or, *cut us off.*

Or, *the chosen of the LORD.*

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that *was* between them, between David and Jonathan

the son of Saul. [8] But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of *Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she *brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite: [9] and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest. [10] And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

[11] And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. [12] And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa: [13] and he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged. [14] And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

[15] Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. [16] And Ishbi-benob, which *was* of the sons of *the giant, the weight of whose *spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he

*Or, *Michal's sister.* *Heb. *bare to Adriel.*

*Or, *Rapha.* *Heb. *the staff*, or, *the head.*

being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David. [17] But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the *light of Israel. Heb. *candle*, or, *lamp*.

[18] And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew *Saph, which *was* of the sons of *the giant. Or, *Sippai*.

[19] And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of *Jaare-oregim, a Bethlehemite, slew *the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam. Or, *Rapha*. Or, *Jair*.

[20] And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to *the giant. [21] And when he *defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him. Or, *Rapha*. Or, *reproached*.

[22] These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

XXII. And David spake unto the Lord the words of this song in the day *that* the Lord had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: [2] and he said,

The Lord *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; [3] the God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. [4] I will call on the Lord, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

[5] When the *waves of death compassed me, the floods of *ungodly men made me afraid; Or, *pangs*. Heb. *Belial*.

[6] the *sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me; [7] in my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears. [8] Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth. [9] There went up a smoke *out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. [10] He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet. [11] And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind. [12] And he made darkness pavilions round about him, *dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies. [13] Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled. [14] The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice. [15] And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them. [16] And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his *nostrils.

Or, cords.

Heb. by.

Heb. binding of waters.

Or, anger.

[17] He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of *many waters; [18] he delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me. [19] They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. [20] He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me. [21] The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. [22] For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. [23] For all his judgments *were* before

Or, great.

me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them. [24] I was also upright *before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity. [25] Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness *in his eye sight.

*Heb. to him.

*Heb. before his eyes.

[26] With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, *and* with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright. [27] With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt *shew thyself unsavoury. [28] And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayest bring *them* down. [29] For thou *art* my *lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness. [30] For by thee I have *run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

*Or, wrestle.

*Or, candle.

*Or, broken a troop.

[31] *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* *tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him. [32] For who *is* God, save the LORD? and who *is* a rock, save our God? [33] God *is* my strength *and* power: and he *maketh my way perfect. [34] He *maketh my feet like hinds' *feet:* and setteth me upon my high places. [35] He teacheth my hands *to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. [36] Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath *made me great. [37] Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my *feet did not slip.

*Or, refined.

*Heb. riddeth, or, looseth.

*Heb. equalleth.

*Heb. for the war.

*Heb. multiplied me.

*Heb. ankles.

[38] I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them. [39] And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet. [40] For thou hast girded me with

strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou *subdued under me. [41] Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me. [42] They looked, but *there was* none to save; *even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not. [43] Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, *and* did spread them abroad. [44] Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me *to be* head of the heathen: a people *which* I knew not shall serve me. [45] *Strangers shall *submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me. [46] Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

Heb. caused to bow.

Heb. Sons of the stranger.

Or, yield feigned obedience. Heb. lie.

[47] The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation. [48] It *is* God that *avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me, [49] and that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. [50] Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name. [51] *He is* the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

Heb. giveth avengement for me.

XXIII. Now these *be* the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

[2] The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word

was in my tongue. [3] The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me,

*He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God. [4] And *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

[5] Although my house *be* not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things*, and sure: for *this is* all my salvation, and all *my* desire, although he make *it* not to grow. [6] But *the sons* of Belial *shall be* all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: [7] but the man *that* shall touch them must be *fenced with iron, and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the *same* place.

Or, *Be thou ruler, &c.*

Heb. *filled.*

[8] These *be* the names of the mighty men whom David had: *The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same *was* Adino the Eznite: *he lift up his spear* against eight hundred, *whom he slew at one time. [9] And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines *that* were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: [10] he arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword; and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

Or, *Josheb-bassebet the Tachmonite, head of the three.*

Heb. *slain.*

[11] And after him *was* Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together *into a troop, where was a piece of ground full

Or, *for foraging.*

of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines.
12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and
defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD
wrought a great victory.

13 And *three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. 14 And David *was* then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then *in* Beth-lehem. 15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which *is* by the gate! 16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. 17 And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: *is not this* the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

* Or, *the three captains over the thirty.*

18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, *and* slew *them*, and had the name among three. 19 Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the *first* three.

* Heb. *slain.*

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow: 21 and he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand: but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the

* Heb. *great of acts.*
* Heb. *lions of God.*
* Heb. *a man of countenance*, or, *sight: a man of great stature.*

Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.
22 These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men. 23 He was *more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three. And David set him over his *guard.

Or, *honourable among the thirty.*

Or, *council.* Heb. *at his command.*

24 Asahel the brother of Joab *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, 25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite, 26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, 27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, 28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, 29 Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, 30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the *brooks of Gaash, 31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, 32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, 33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite, 34 Eliphalet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, 35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, 37 Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, armour-bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah, 38 Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite, 39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

Or, *vallies.*

XXIV. And again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and *he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. 2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which *was* with him, *Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. 3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the Lord thy God add unto the people, how many soever

Satan, 1 Ch. 21. 1.

Or, *Compass.*

they be, an hundred fold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see *it:* but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? [4] Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host.

And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. [5] And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that *lieth* in the midst of the *river of Gad, and toward Jazer: [6] then they came to Gilead, and to the *land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon, [7] and came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, *even* to Beer-sheba. [8] So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. [9] And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah *were* five hundred thousand men.

*Or, valley.

*Or, nether land newly inhabited.

[10] And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. [11] For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, [12] Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three *things;* choose thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee. [13] So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that

there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.
[14] And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies *are* *great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

* Or, *many.*

[15] So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba, seventy thousand men. [16] And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand.

And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. [17] And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

[18] And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of *Araunah the Jebusite. [19] And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded. [20] And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. [21] And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people. [22] And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *seemeth* good unto him: behold, *here be* oxen for

* Heb. *Araniah.*

burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and *other* instruments of the oxen for wood. [23] All these *things* did Araunah, *as* a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee. [24] And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing.

So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. [25] And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

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Ezra was most probably the author of these Books of Jewish History. They comprise the period from the latter end of David's reign to the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. The history of the first Book extends from 2989, A.M., to 3115, A.M. The second Book to 3416, A.M.

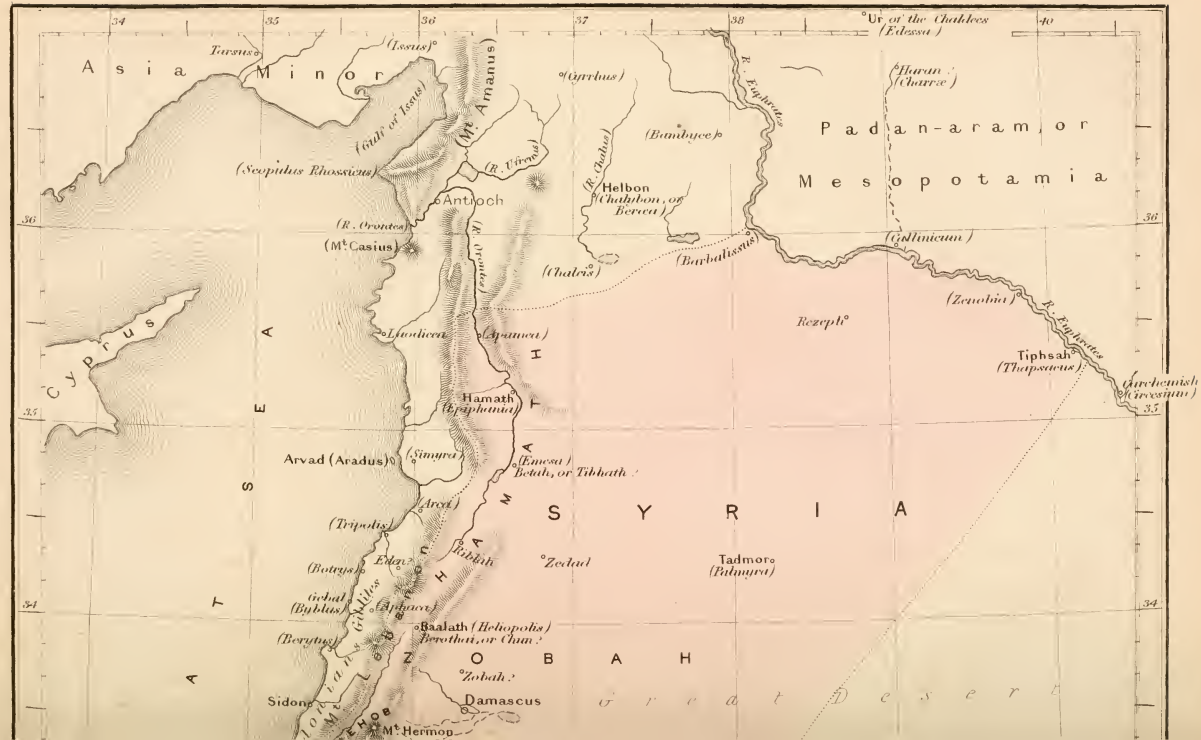
The Books of the Kings consist of the annals of Israel's regal state; written, there is reason to suppose, to put upon record the verification of the prophetic warnings of Moses, when he set before the people life and good, and death and evil:—if they loved the Lord their God, and walked in his ways, and kept his commandments and his statutes, they should live, and multiply, and receive blessing of God; but if their heart should be turned away with their feet to worship other gods, they would assuredly perish.

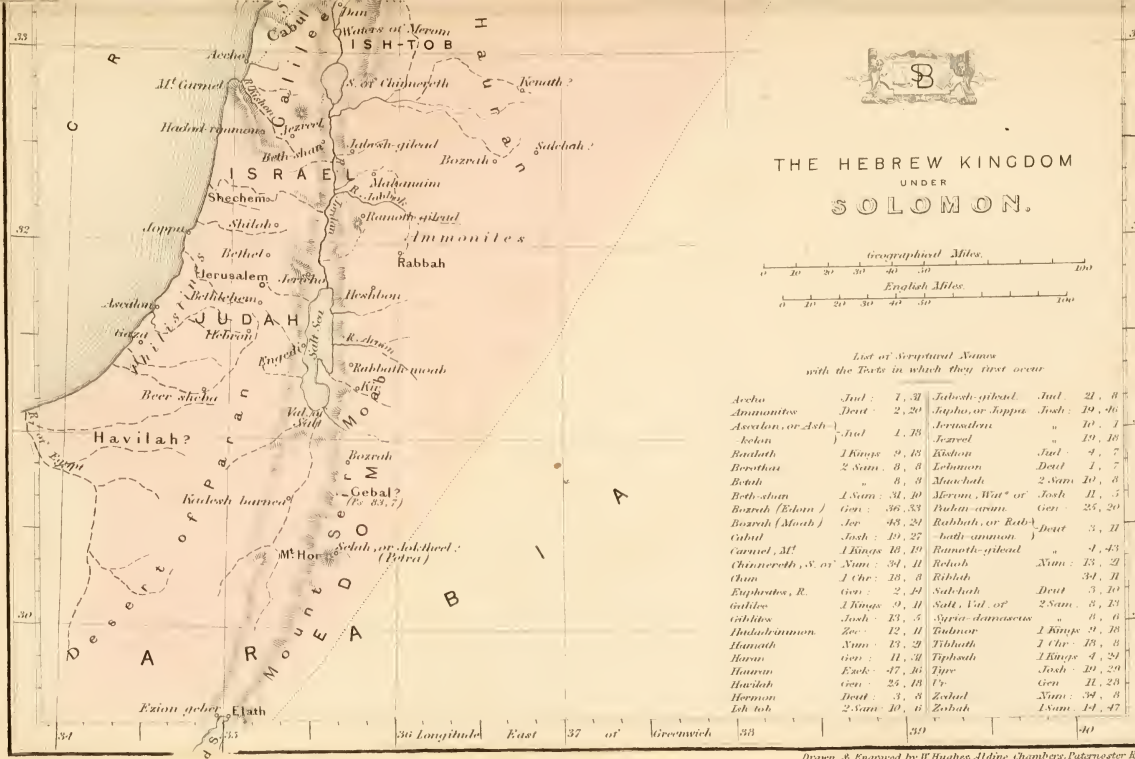
Here therefore we see that Israel proved the blessedness of obedience whenever their king and people did that which was right in the

sight of the Lord; and experienced (too often, alas) the bitterness of departing from the living God, and walking in the self-willed way of him who made Israel to sin.

During this period of Israel's history, the manifestations of the presence and operation of God's hand in the affairs of the nation were remarkably frequent and striking. There were the wonders wrought and the testimony given by Elijah (whose very name was a standing witness) and Elisha; besides these there were the constant messages from God delivered by Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea and other prophets.

"And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?"


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(Issus)
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Mt. Amanus
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Zedad
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Baalath (Heliopolis)
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ZOBAH
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I. KINGS.

I. Now king David was old *and* *stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. [Heb. *entered into days.*]
[2] Wherefore his servants said unto him, *Let there be sought for my lord the king *a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her *cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. [Heb. *Let them seek.*] [Heb. *a damsel, a virgin.*] [Heb. *be a cherisher unto him.*]
[3] So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. [4] And the damsel *was* very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.
[5] Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will *be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. [Heb. *reign.*]
[6] And his father had not displeased him *at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also *was a* very goodly *man;* and *his mother* bare him after Absalom. [Heb. *from his days.*]
[7] And *he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they *following Adonijah helped *him.* [Heb. *his words were with Joab.*] [Heb. *helped after Adonijah.*]
[8] But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei,

and the mighty men which *belonged* to David, were not with Adonijah. 9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is* by *En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: 10 but Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

*Or, the well Rogel.

11 Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not? 12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. 13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? 14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and *confirm thy words.

*Heb. *fill up.*

15 And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. 16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, *What wouldest thou? 17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. 18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest *it* not: 19 and he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. 20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of

*Heb. *What to thee?*

all Israel *are* upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. [21] Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted *offenders. Heb. *sinners.*

[22] And lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. [23] And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. [24] And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? [25] For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, *God save king Adonijah. Heb. *Let king Adonijah live.*

[26] But me, *even* me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. [27] Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed *it* unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

[28] Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And she came *into the king's pre- Heb. *before the king.*
sence, and stood before the king. [29] And the king sware and said, *As* the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, [30] even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. [31] Then Bath-sheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

[32] And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest,

and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. [33] The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon *mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: [34] and let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. [35] Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. [36] And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too*. [37] As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

* Heb. *the mule which belongeth to me.*

[38] So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. [39] And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. [40] And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with *pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

* Or, *flutes.*

[41] And Adonijah and all the guests that *were* with him heard *it* as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore *is this* noise of the city being in an uproar? [42] And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou *art* a valiant man, and bringest

good tidings. [43] And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. [44] And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: [45] and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This *is* the noise that ye have heard. [46] And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. [47] And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. [48] And also thus said the king, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it*.

[49] And all the guests that *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. [50] And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. [51] And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword. [52] And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. [53] So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

II. Now the days of David drew nigh that he should

die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, [2]I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; [3]and keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest *prosper in all that thou doest, Or, *do wisely.* and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: [4]that the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not *fail Heb. *be cut off from thee from the throne.* thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. [5]Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the host of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and *shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war Heb. *put.* upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet. [6]Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace. [7]But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother. [8]And, behold, *thou hast* with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a *grievous Heb. *strong.* curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. [9]Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

[10]So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in

the city of David. [11] And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

[12] THEN sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father: and his kingdom was established greatly. [13] And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. [14] He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. [15] And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD. [16] And now I ask one petition of thee, *deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. [17] And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. [18] And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

*Heb. *turn not away my face.*

[19] Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. [20] Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee: *I pray thee*, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay. [21] And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

[22] And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he *is* mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. 24 Now therefore, *as* the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day. 25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou *art* *worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. 27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

Heb. a man of death.

28 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, *he is* by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. 30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. 31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father. 32 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell

upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing *thereof, to wit*, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah. [33] Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed, for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD. [34] So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. [35] And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

[36] And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither. [37] For it shall be, *that* on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head. [38] And Shimei said unto the king, The saying *is* good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

[39] And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants *be* in Gath. [40] And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. [41] And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again. [42] And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying,

Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word *that* I have heard *is* good. 43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with? 44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head; 45 and king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever. 46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

III. AND Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

2 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD until those days. 3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that *was* the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. 5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. 6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great *mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him

* Or, *bounty.*

a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. 7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I *am but* a little child: I know not *how* to go out or come in. 8 And thy servant *is* in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. 9 Give therefore thy servant an *understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

Heb. *hearing.*

10 And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself *long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to *discern judgment; 12 behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. 13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honour: so that there *shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. 14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. 15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, *it was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

Heb. *many days.*

Heb. *hear.*

Or, *hath not been.*

16 Then came there two women, *that were* harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in

the house. [18] And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. [19] And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. [20] And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. [21] And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. [22] And the other woman said, Nay; but the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* thy son. And this said, No; but the dead *is* thy son, and the living *is* my son. Thus they spake before the king.

[23] Then said the king, The one saith, This *is* my son that liveth, and thy son *is* the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living. [24] And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. [25] And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. [26] Then spake the woman whose the living child *was* unto the king, for her bowels *yearned upon her son, and she said, (Heb. *were hot.*) O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but* divide *it.* [27] Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she *is* the mother thereof.

[28] And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* *in him, to (Heb. *in the midst of him.*) do judgment.

IV. So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

[2] And these *were* the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok *the priest, [3] Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, *scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the *recorder. [4] And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests: [5] and Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's friend: [6] and Ahishar *was* over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the *tribute.

Or, *the chief officer.*
Or, *secretaries.*
Or, *remembrancer.*
Or, *levy.*

[7] And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision. [8] And these *are* their names: *the son of Hur, in mount Ephraim: [9] *the son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan: [10] *the son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him *pertained* Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher: [11] *the son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife: [12] Baana the son of Ahilud; *to him pertained* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, *even* unto *the place that is* beyond Jokneam: [13] *the son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him *pertained* the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to him *also pertained* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars: [14] Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* *Mahanaim: [15] Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife: [16] Baanah the son of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth: [17] Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar: [18] Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin: [19] Geber the son of Uri *was* in the

Or, *Ben-hur.*
Or, *Ben-dekar.*
Or, *Ben-hesed.*
Or, *Ben-abinadab.*
Or, *Ben-geber.*
Or, *to Mahanaim.*

country of Gilead, *in* the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and *he was* the only officer which *was* in the land.

[20] Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

[21] And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

[22] And Solomon's *provision for one day was thirty *measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal, [23] ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl. [24] For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side the river, from Tiphsah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him. [25] And Judah and Israel dwelt *safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

Heb. *bread.*
Heb. *cors.*
Heb. *confidently.*

[26] And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. [27] And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing. [28] Barley also and straw for the horses and *dromedaries brought they unto the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

Or. *mules*, or *swift beasts.*

[29] And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the sea shore. [30] And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. [31] For

he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about. [32] And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. [33] And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that *is* in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. [34] And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

V. And *Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David. [2] And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, [3] Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. [4] But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, *so that there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrent. [5] And, behold, I *purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name. [6] Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt *appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

Hiram, 2 Ch. 2. 3.

Heb. *say.*

Heb. *say.*

[7] And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a

wise son over this great people. [8] And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have *considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and* I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. [9] My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt *appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive *them:* and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

[10] So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees *according to* all his desire. [11] And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand *measures of wheat *for* food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

[12] And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

[13] And king Solomon raised a *levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. [14] And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, *and* two months at home: and Adoniram *was* over the levy. [15] And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains; [16] beside the chief of Solomon's officers which *were* over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work. [17] And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, *and* hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. [18] And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them*, and the *stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

Heb. *heard.*

Heb. *send.*

Heb. *cors.*

Heb. *tribute of men.*

Or, *Giblites.*

VI. And it came to pass in the four hundred and

eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which *is* the second month, that he *began to build the house of the LORD. (*Heb. *built.*)

2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty *cubits*, and the height thereof thirty cubits. 3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits *was* the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof before the house. 4 And for the house he made *window-s of narrow lights. (*Or, *windows broad* within, and *narrow* without: or, *skewed* and *closed.*) 5 And *against the wall of the house he built *chambers round about, (*Or, *upon*, or, *joining to.*) (*Heb. *floors.*) *against* the walls of the house round about, *both* of the temple and of the oracle: and he made *cham-bers round about: (*Heb. *ribs.*) 6 the nethermost chamber *was* five cubits broad, and the middle *was* six cubits broad, and the third *was* seven cubits broad: for without *in the wall* of the house he made *narrowed rests round about, that *the beams* should not be fastened in the walls of the house. (*Heb. *narrowings*, or, *rebatements.*) 7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor ax *nor* any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. 8 The door for the middle chamber *was* in the right *side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle *chamber*, and out of the middle into the third. (*Heb. *shoulder.*) 9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house *with beams and boards of cedar. (*Or, *the vaultbeams and the ceilings with cedar.*) 10 And *then* he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying, 12 *Concerning* this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father: 13 and I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, *both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: *and* he covered *them* on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir. 16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it within, *even* for the oracle, *even* for the most holy *place*. 17 And the house, that *is*, the temple before it, was forty cubits *long*. 18 And the cedar of the house within *was* carved with *knops and *open flowers: all *was* cedar; there was no stone seen. 19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. 20 And the oracle in the forepart *was* twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with *pure gold; and *so* covered the altar *which was of* cedar. 21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold. 22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that *was* by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims *of* *olive tree, *each* ten cubits high. 24 And

Or, *from the floor of the house unto the walls, &c.*

Or, *gourds.* Heb. *openings of flowers.*

Heb. *shut up.*

Or, *oily.* Heb. *trees of oil.*

five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits. [25] And the other cherub *was* ten cubits: both the cherubims *were* of one measure and one size. [26] The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was it* of the other cherub. [27] And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and *they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall: and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. [28] And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

Or, *the cherubims stretched forth their wings.*

[29] And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and *open flowers, within and without. [30] And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

Heb. *openings of flowers.*

[31] And for the entering of the oracle he made doors *of* olive tree: the lintel *and* side posts *were* *a fifth part *of the wall.* [32] The *two doors also *were of* olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and *open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims and upon the palm trees. [33] So also made he for the door of the temple, posts *of* olive tree, *a fourth part *of the wall.* [34] And the two doors *were of* fir tree: the two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding. [35] And he carved *thereon* cherubims and palm trees and open flowers; and covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work. [36] And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

Or, *five-square.*

Or, *leaves of the doors.*

Heb. *openings of flowers.*

Or, *four-square.*

37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif: 38 and in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which *is* the eighth month, was the house finished *throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

*Or, with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof.

VII. But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

2 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof *was* an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. 3 And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the *beams, that *lay* on forty five pillars, fifteen *in* a row. 4 And *there were* windows *in* three rows, and *light *was* against light *in* three ranks. 5 And all the *doors and posts *were* square, with the windows: and light *was* against light *in* three ranks. 6 And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch *was* *before them: and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *were* before them. 7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, *even* the porch of judgment: and *it was* covered with cedar *from one side of the floor to the other. 8 And his house where he dwelt *had* another court within the porch, *which* was of the like work.

*Heb. ribs.

*Heb. sight against sight.

*Or, spaces and pillars were square in prospect.

*Or, according to them.

*Heb. from floor to floor.

Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken *to wife*, like unto this porch.

9 All these *were of* costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and *so* on the outside toward the great court.

10 And the foundation *was of* costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. 11 And above *were* costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars. 12 And the great court round about *was* with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

13 And king Solomon sent and fetched *Hiram out of Tyre. 14 He *was* *a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work. 15 For he *cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high a piece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about. 16 And he made two chapiters *of* molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapiter *was* five cubits, and the height of the other chapiter *was* five cubits: 17 *and* nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapiter, and seven for the other chapiter. 18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapiters that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapiter. 19 And the chapiters that *were* upon the top of the pillars *were* of lily work in the porch, four cubits. 20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars *had pomegranates* also above, over against the belly which *was* by the network: and the pomegranates *were* two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapiter.

21 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof *Jachin: and he set up the left

*Huram, 2 Ch. 4. 11.

Heb. *the son of a widow woman.*

Heb. *fashioned.*

That is, *He shall establish.*

pillar, and called the name thereof *Boaz. That is, *In it is strength.*
[22] And upon the top of the pillars *was* lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

[23] And he made a molten sea, ten cubits *from the one brim to the other: *it was* round all about, and his height *was* five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. [24] And under the brim of it round about *there were* knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops *were* cast in two rows, when it was cast. [25] It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward. [26] And it *was* an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

Heb. from his brim to his brim.

[27] And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits *was* the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it. [28] And the work of the bases *was* on this *manner:* they had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges: [29] and on the borders that *were* between the ledges *were* lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges *there was* a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of thin work. [30] And every base had four brasen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver *were* undersetters molten, at the side of every addition. [31] And the mouth of it within the chapiter and above *was* a cubit: but the mouth thereof *was* round *after* the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it *were* gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round. [32] And under the

borders *were* four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels *were* *joined to the base: and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit. [33] And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, *were* all molten. [34] And *there were* four undersetters to the four corners of one base: *and* the undersetters *were* of the very base itself. [35] And in the top of the base *was there* a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof *were* of the same. [36] For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the *proportion of every one, and additions round about. [37] After this *manner* he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, *and* one size.

[38] Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: *and* every laver was four cubits: *and* upon every one of the ten bases one laver. [39] And he put five bases on the right *side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

[40] And *Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons.

So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD: [41] the two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; [42] and four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that *were* *upon the

Heb. *in the base.*

Heb. *nakedness.*

Heb. *shoulder.*

Heb. *Hirom.*

Heb. *upon the face of the pillars.*

pillars; [43] and the ten bases and ten lavers on the bases; [44] and one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea; [45] and the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, *were of* *bright brass. Heb. *made bright, or, scoured.*
[46] In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, *in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan. Heb. *in the thickness of the ground.*
[47] And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, *because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass *found out. Heb. *for the exceeding multitude.* Heb. *searched.*

[48] And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread *was*, [49] and the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right *side*, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *of* gold, [50] and the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the *censers *of* pure gold; and the hinges *of* Heb. *ash pans.* gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the most holy *place*, *and* for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple.

[51] So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the *things which David his father had de- Heb. *holy things of David.* dicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

VIII. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the *chief of Heb. *princes.* the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

[2] And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim,

which *is* the seventh month. 3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up. 5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. 6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims. 7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 8 And they drew out the staves, that the *ends of the staves were seen out in the holy *place* before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. 9 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

Heb. heads.

Or, *ark.*

Or, where.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 13 I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;) 15 and he said, Blessed *be* the LORD

God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying, [16] Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel. [17] And it was in the heart of David my father, to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. [18] And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. [19] Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name. [20] And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. [21] And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

[22] And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: [23] and he said,

LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: [24] who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day. [25] Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, *There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; *so that thy children

* Heb. *There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight.*

* Heb. *only if.*

take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. [26] And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

[27] But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? [28] Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: [29] that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make *toward this place. [30] And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray *toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

[31] If any man trespass against his neighbour, and *an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house: [32] then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

[33] When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee *in this house: [34] then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

[35] When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain,

Or, *in this place.*

Or, *in this place.*

Heb. *he require an oath of him.*

Or, *toward.*

because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: [36] then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

[37] If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, *or* if there be caterpiller; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their *cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness *there be;* [38] what prayer and supplication soever be *made* by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: [39] then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) [40] that they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

Or, *jurisdiction.*

[41] Moreover concerning a stranger, that *is* not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; [42] (for they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; [43] hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel; and that they may know that *this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

Heb. *thy name is called upon this house.*

[44] If thy people go out to battle against their enemy,

whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD *toward the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house that I have built for thy name: [45]then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their *cause. [46]If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near; [47]*yet* if they shall *bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; [48]and *so* return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: [49]then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their *cause, [50]and forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: [51]for they *be* thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: [52]that thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee. [53]For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when

*toward the city which thou hast chosen — Heb. *the way of the city.*

*cause — Or, *right.*

*bethink themselves — Heb. *bring back to their heart.*

*cause — Or, *right.*

thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

54 And it was *so*, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not *failed one word of all his good promise, Heb. *fallen.* which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. 57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: 58 that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments which he commanded our fathers. 59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel *at all times, as the matter shall require: Heb. *the thing of a day in his day.* 60 that all the people of the earth may know that the LORD *is* God, *and that there is* none else. 61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. 63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. 64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there

he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings; because the brasen altar that *was* before the LORD *was* too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days. 66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they *blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

Or, thanked.

IX. And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, 2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. 4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: 5 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. 6 *But* if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments *and* my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: 7 then will I cut off

Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: [8] and at this house, *which* is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? [9] and they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

[10] And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house, [11] (*now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. [12] And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they *pleased him not. [13] And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of *Cabul unto this day. [14] And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

*Heb. *were not right in his eyes.*

*That is, *displeasing*, or, *dirty*.

[15] And this *is* the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. [16] *For* Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it *for* a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. [17] And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether, [18] and Baalath, and Tadmor

in the wilderness, in the land, [19] and all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and *that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

Heb. the desire of Solomon which he desired.

[20] *And* all the people *that were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which *were* not of the children of Israel, [21] their children, that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day. [22] But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

[23] These *were* the chief of the officers that *were* over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

[24] But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which *Solomon* had built for her: then did he build Millo.

[25] And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense *upon the altar that *was* before the LORD. So he finished the house.

Heb. upon it.

[26] And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the *shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom. [27] And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. [28] And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* to king Solomon.

Heb. lip.

X. AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the

fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. [2] And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. [3] And Solomon told her all her *questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not. [4] And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, [5] and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the *attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his *cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. [6] And she said to the king, It was a true *report that I heard in mine own land of thy *acts and of thy wisdom. [7] Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it:* and, behold, the half was not told me: *thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. [8] Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom. [9] Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

Heb. words.

Or, butlers.

Heb. word.

Or, sayings.

Heb. thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the fame.

[10] And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

[11] And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of *almug trees, and precious stones. [12] And the

algum trees, 2 Ch. 2. 8.

king made of the almug trees *pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day. [13] And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which Solomon gave her *of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

*Or, rails. Heb. a prop.

*Heb. according to the hand of king Solomon.

[14] Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, [15] beside *that he had* of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the *governors of the country.

*Or, captains.

[16] And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target. [17] And *he made* three hundred shields *of* beaten gold: three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

[18] Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold. [19] The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round *behind: and *there were* *stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays. [20] And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not *the like made in any kingdom. [21] And all king Solomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; *none *were of* silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. [22] For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of

*Heb. on the hinder part thereof. Heb. hands.

*Heb. so.

*Or, there was no silver in them.

Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, *ivory, and apes, and peacocks. *Or, elephants' teeth.*

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. 24 And all the earth *sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. *Heb. sought the face of.* 25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king *made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he *to be* as the sycomore trees that *are* in the vale for abundance. *Heb. gave.*

28 *And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. *Heb. And the going forth of the horses which was Solomon's.* 29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out *by their means. *Heb. by their hand.*

XI. But king Solomon loved many strange women, *together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites; 2 of the nations *concerning* which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. 4 For it *Or, beside.*

came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father. [5] For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after *Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. [6] And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and *went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father. [7] Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. [8] And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

*Called *Molech*, ver. 7.

*Heb. *fulfilled not after.*

[9] And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, [10] and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. [11] Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this *is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. [12] Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: *but* I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. [13] Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

*Heb. *is with thee.*

[14] And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's seed in Edom. [15] For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in

Edom; [16] (for six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom;) [17] that Hadad fled, he, and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child.

[18] And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. [19] And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. [20] And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

[21] And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, *Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. [22] Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, *Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

Heb. *Send me away.*

Heb. *Not.*

[23] And God stirred him up *another* adversary, Rezon, the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah: [24] and he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them *of Zobah:* and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. [25] And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad *did:* and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

[26] And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name

was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up *his* hand against the king. [27] And this *was* the cause that he lifted up *his* hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, *and* *repaired the breaches of the city of David his father. [28] And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he *was industrious, he made him ruler over all the *charge of the house of Joseph. [29] And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two *were* alone in the field: [30] and Ahijah caught the new garment that *was* on him, and rent it *in* twelve pieces: [31] and he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: [32] (but he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) [33] because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do *that which is* right in mine eyes, and *to keep* my statutes and my judgments, as *did* David his father. [34] Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes: [35] but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes. [36] And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a *light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen

Heb. *closed.*

Heb. *did work.*

Heb. *burden.*

Heb. *lamp,* or, *candle.*

me to put my name there. [37] And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel. [38] And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. [39] And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

[40] Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

[41] And the rest of the *acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? [42] And the *time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years. [43] And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

*Or, words, or, things.

*Heb. days.

XII. And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

[2] And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard *of it*, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;) [3] that they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, [4] Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. [5] And he said unto them, Depart yet *for* three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

[6] And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men,

that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, *and* which stood before him: 9 and he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? 10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us: thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. 11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. 13 And the king answered the people *roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; 14 and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

Heb. hardly.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened
not unto them, the people answered the king, saying,
What portion have we in David? neither *have we*
inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O
Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel
departed unto their tents. 17 But *as for* the children
of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Reho-
boam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over
the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that
he died. Therefore king Rehoboam *made speed to
get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jeru-
salem. 19 So Israel *rebelled against the house of
David unto this day.

* Heb. *strengthened himself.*

* Or, *fell away.*

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that
Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called
him unto the congregation, and made him king over
all Israel: there was none that followed the house of
David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem,
he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe
of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand
chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against
the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to
Rehoboam the son of Solomon. 22 But the word of
God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, say-
ing, 23 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon,
king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah
and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people,
saying, 24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up,
nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel:
return every man to his house; for this thing is
from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of
the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the
word of the LORD.

25 THEN Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim,
and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and
built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now
shall the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 if
this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the
LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people
turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king
of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to
Rehoboam king of Judah. 28 Whereupon the king took
counsel, and made two calves *of* gold, and said unto
them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem:
behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out
of the land of Egypt. 29 And he set the one in Beth-el,
and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became
a sin: for the people went *to worship* before the one,
even unto Dan. 31 And he made an house of high
places, and made priests of the lowest of the people,
which were not of the sons of Levi. 32 And Jeroboam
ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth
day of the month, like unto the feast that *is* in Judah,
and he *offered upon the altar. So did he (Or, *went up to the altar, &c.*)
in Beth-el, *sacrificing unto the calves that (Or, *to sacrifice.*)
he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests
of the high places which he had made. 33 So he
*offered upon the altar which he had made (Or, *went up to the altar, &c.*)
in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even*
in the month which he had devised of his own heart;
and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and
he offered upon the altar, *and burnt incense. (Heb. *to burn incense.*)

XIII. And, behold, there came a man of God out
of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and
Jeroboam stood by the altar *to burn incense. (Or, *to offer.*)
2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the
LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD;
Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David,

Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. [3] And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This *is* the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out.

[4] And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. [5] The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. [6] And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought *the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before. [7] And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. [8] And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: [9] for so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest. [10] So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

[11] Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his *sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they

* Heb. *the face of the LORD.*

* Heb. *son.*

told also to their father. [12]And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah. [13]And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon, [14]and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I *am*. [15]Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. [16]And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: [17]for *it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread, nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest. [18]He said unto him, I *am* a prophet also as thou *art;* and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him. [19]So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

* Heb. *a word* was.

[20]And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back: [21]and he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee, [22]but camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *the LORD* did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

[23]And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back. [24]And

when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase. [25] And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

[26] And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard *thereof*, he said, It *is* the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath *torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him. [27] And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled *him*. [28] And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor *torn the ass. [29] And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him. [30] And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother! [31] And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God *is* buried; lay my bones beside his bones: [32] for the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

Heb. *broken.*

Heb. *broken.*

[33] After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but *made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he *consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places. [34] And this thing became

Heb. *returned and made.*

Heb. *filled his hand.*

sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off, and to destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

XIV. At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. [2] And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, which told me that *I should be* king over this people. [3] And take *with thee ten loaves, and *cracknels, and a *cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child. [4] And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes *were set by reason of his age. [5] And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he *is* sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself *to be* another *woman*.

[6] And it was *so*, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself *to be* another? for I *am* sent to thee *with* *heavy *tidings*. [7] Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel, [8] and rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and *yet* thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do *that* only *which was* right in mine eyes; [9] but hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back: [10] therefore, behold, I will bring evil

Heb. *in thine hand.* Or, *cakes.*

Or, *bottle.*

Heb. *stood for his houriness.*

Heb. *hard.*

upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, *and* him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone. [11] Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken *it*. [12] Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. [13] And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. [14] Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now. [15] For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger. [16] And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

[17] And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: *and* when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died; [18] and they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

[19] And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [20] And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* two and twenty years: and he *slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

*Heb. *lay down.*

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in
Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty and one years old when
he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in
Jerusalem, the city which the Lord did choose out of
all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his
mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.

22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and
they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which
they had committed, above all that their fathers had
done. 23 For they also built them high places, and
*images, and groves, on every high hill, Or, *standing images*, or, *statues*.
and under every green tree. 24 And there were also
sodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all
the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast
out before the children of Israel.

25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king
Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up
against Jerusalem: 26 and he took away the treasures of
the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's
house; he even took away all: and he took away all
the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 27 And
king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields,
and committed them unto the hands of the chief of
the *guard, which kept the door of the king's Heb. *runners*.
house. 28 And it was *so*, when the king went into the
house of the Lord, that the guard bare them and
brought them back into the guard chamber.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all
that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah? 30 And there was
war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.
31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was
buried with his fathers in the city of David. And
his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. And
*Abijam his son reigned in his stead. *Abijah*, or, *Abia*.

XV. Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah. [2] Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* *Maachah, the daughter of *Abishalom. *Michaiah the daughter of Uriel, 2 Ch. 13. 2. Absalom, 2 Ch. 11. 21.
[3] And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. [4] Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a *lamp in Jerusalem, Or, *candle.* to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: [5] because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any *thing* that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. [6] And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

[7] Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. [8] And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

[9] And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. [10] And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his *mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. That is, *grandmother's*, ver. 2.
[11] And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father. [12] And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. [13] And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa *destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Heb. *cut off.* Kidron. [14] But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all

his days. [15] And he brought in the *things which Heb. *holy.*
his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

[16] And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. [17] And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

[18] Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, [19] *There is* a league between me and thee, *and* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may *depart Heb. *go up.*
from me.

[20] So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. [21] And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *thereof*, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

[22] Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none *was* *exempted: and they took Heb. *free.*
away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

[23] The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the

kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. [24] And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

[25] And Nadab the son of Jeroboam *began Heb. *reigned.* to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. [26] And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. [27] And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him: and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. [28] Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. [29] And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the Lord, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: [30] because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger.

[31] Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [32] And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

[33] In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years. [34] And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

XVI. Then the word of the Lord came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, [2] Forasmuch

as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; [3] behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. [4] Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

[5] Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [6] So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

[7] And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

[8] In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years. [9] And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza *steward of *his* house in Tirzah. [10] And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead. Heb. *which was over.*

[11] And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, *neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. [12] Thus did Zimri destroy all the Or, *both his kinsmen and his friends.*

house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha, *by Jehu the prophet, [13] for all the sins of Baasha, and the sin of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

*Heb. by the hand of.

[14] Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

[15] IN the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines. [16] And the people *that were* encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. [17] And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. [18] And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died, [19] for his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

[20] Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

[21] Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri. [22] But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

[23] IN the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six

years reigned he in Tirzah. [24] And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, *Samaria. [25] But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that *were* before him. [26] For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

Heb. *Shomeron.*

[27] Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [28] So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

[29] AND in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. [30] And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him. [31] And it came to pass, *as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. [32] And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. [33] And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

Heb. *was it a light thing, &c.*

[34] In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

XVII. And *Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* Heb. *Elijahu.*
of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, *As* the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. 4 And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. 5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to pass *after a while, that Heb. *at the end of days.*
the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. 8 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, 9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. 12 And she said, *As* the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for

thee and for thy son. [14] For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD *sendeth rain upon the earth. [15] And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days. [16] *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake *by Elijah.

*Heb. giveth.

*Or, a full year.

*Heb. by the hand of.

[17] And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. [18] And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? [19] And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. [20] And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? [21] And he *stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come *into him again. [22] And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. [23] And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. [24] And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.

*Heb. measured.

*Heb. into his inward parts.

XVIII. And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send

rain upon the earth. [2] And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And *there was* a sore famine in Samaria.

[3] And Ahab called *Obadiah, which *was* the governor of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly: [4] for it was *so*, when *Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) [5] And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, *that we lose not all the beasts. [6] So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

Heb. *Obadiahu.*
Heb. *over* his *house.*
Heb. *Izebel.*
Heb. *that we cut not off* ourselves *from the beasts.*

[7] And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Art* thou that my lord Elijah? [8] And he answered him, I *am:* go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here.* [9] And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? [10] *As* the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, *He is* not *there;* he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not. [11] And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here.* [12] And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and *so* when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth. [13] Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD'S prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them

with bread and water? [14] And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here:* and he shall slay me. [15] And Elijah said, *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.

[16] So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah. [17] And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art* thou he that troubleth Israel? [18] And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim. [19] Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. [20] So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

[21] And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two *opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

* Or, *thoughts.*

[22] Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men. [23] Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under:* and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under:* [24] and call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, *It is well spoken.

* Heb. *The word is good.*

[25] And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress *it* first; for

ye *are* many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under*. [26] And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, *hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that *answered. And they *leaped upon the altar which was made. [27] And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry *aloud: for he *is* a god; either *he is talking, or he *is pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. [28] And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the *blood gushed out upon them. [29] And it came to pass when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the *offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any *that regarded.

Or, answer. *Or, heard.* *Or, leaped up and down at the altar.* *Heb. with a great voice.* *Or, he meditateth. Heb. hath a pursuit.* *Heb. they poured out blood upon them.* *Heb. ascending.* *Heb. attention.*

[30] And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down. [31] And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: [32] and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. [33] And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. [34] And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time. [35] And the

water *ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. Heb. *went.*

36 And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that* I *am* thy servant, and *that* I have done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again. 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God. 40 And Elijah said unto them, *Take the prophets of Baal; let none one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. Or, *Apprehend.*

41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is* *a sound of abundance of rain. 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, 43 and said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, *Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds Or, *a sound of a noise of rain.* Heb. *Tie,* or, *Bind.*

and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. [46] And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab *to the entrance of Jezreel.

*Heb. till thou come to Jezreel.

XIX. And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. [2] Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. [3] And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his servant there.

[4] But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested *for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers. [5] And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat. [6] And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his *head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. [7] And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee. [8] And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

*Heb. for his life.

*Heb. bolster.

[9] And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? [10] And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel

have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. [11]And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake: [12]and after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. [13]And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? [14]And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword: and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. [15]And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria: [16]and Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat, of Abel-meholah, shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room. [17]And it shall come to pass, *that* him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay; and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. [18]Yet *I have left *me* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Or, *I will leave.*

[19]So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen*

before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. [20] And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, *Go back again: for what have I done to thee? [21] And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

Heb. *Go, return.*

XX. And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and *there were* thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. [2] And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad, [3] Thy silver and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also and thy children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine. [4] And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I have.

[5] And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; [6] yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is *pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away. [7] Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold, and

Heb. *desirable.*

*I denied him not. [8]And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not *unto him*, nor consent. [9]Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

Heb. *I kept not back from him.*

[10]And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that *follow me. [11]And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, Let not him that girdeth on *his harness* boast himself as he that putteth it off.

Heb. are *at my feet.*

[12]And it came to pass, when *Ben-hadad* heard this *message, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the *pavilions, that he said unto his servants, *Set *yourselves in array*. And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

Heb. *word.* Or, *tents.* Or, *Place* the engines: *And they placed* engines.

[13]And, behold, there *came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD. [14]And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, *Even* by the *young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall *order the battle? And he answered, Thou.

Heb. *approached.* Or, *servants.* Heb. *bind,* or, *tie.*

[15]Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of Israel, *being* seven thousand. [16]And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him. [17]And the young men of the princes of the

provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria. [18] And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive. [19] So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them. [20] And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen. [21] And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

[22] And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

[23] And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we: but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. [24] And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms: [25] and number thee an army, like the army *that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and cha- (Heb. *that was fallen.*) riot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so. [26] And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, *to fight against Israel. (Heb. *to the war with Israel.*) [27] And the children of Israel were numbered, and *were all present, (Or, *were victualled.*) and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

[28] And there came a man of God, and spake unto the

king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD *is* God of the hills, but he *is* not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

[29]And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And *so* it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day. [30]But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and *there* a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men *that were* left.

And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, *into an inner chamber. [31]And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life. [32]So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother. [33]Now the men did diligently observe whether *any thing would come* from him, and did hastily catch *it:* and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. [34]And *Ben-hadad* said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then *said Ahab*, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

* Or, *from chamber to chamber.* Heb. *into a chamber within a chamber.*

[35]And a certain man of the sons of the prophets

said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him. [36] Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him. [37] Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, *so that in smiting he wounded *him.* Heb. *smiting and wounding.* [38] So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face. [39] And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt *pay a talent of Heb. *weigh.* silver. [40] And as thy servant was busy here and there, *he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto Heb. *he was not.* him, So *shall* thy judgment *be;* thyself hast decided *it.* [41] And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he *was* of the prophets. [42] And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of *thy* hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people. [43] And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

XXI. AND it came to pass after these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. [2] And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it *is* near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; *or*, if it *seem Heb. *be good in thine eyes.*

good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.
[3] And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

[4] And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

[5] But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread? [6] And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

[7] And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, *and* eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. [8] So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that *were* in his city, dwelling with Naboth. [9] And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth *on high among the people: [10] and set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

[11] And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them. [12] They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the

* Heb. *in the top of the people.*

people. [13] And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died. [14] Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

[15] And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead. [16] And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

[17] And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, [18] Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it. [19] And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

[20] And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee:* because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD. [21] Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, [22] and will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for

the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked *me* to anger, and made Israel to sin. [23] And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the *wall of Jezreel. [24] Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

Or, *ditch.*

[25] But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife *stirred up. [26] And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

Or, *incited.*

[27] And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. [28] And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, [29] Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

XXII. AND they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. [2] And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. [3] And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead *is* our's, and we *be* *still, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria? [4] And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

Heb. *silent from taking it.*

[5] And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day. [6] Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets toge-

ther, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him? 8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an *officer, and said, Hasten *hither* Micaiah the son of Imlah. 10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a *void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them. 12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good. 14 And Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak. 15 So he came to the king.

And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. 16 And the

*Or, eunuch.

*Heb. floor.

king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the name of the LORD? [17] And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

[18] And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

[19] And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. [20] And the LORD said, Who shall *persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. [21] And there came forth a spirit and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. [22] And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade *him*, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. [23] Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

*Or, deceive.

[24] But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee? [25] And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go *into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

*Or, *from chamber to chamber.* Heb. *a chamber in a chamber.*

[26] And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; [27] and say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him

with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace. [28] And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

[29] So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. [30] And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. [31] But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel. [32] And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it *is* the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him; and Jehoshaphat cried out. [33] And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it *was* not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

Or, *when he was to disguise himself, and enter into the battle.*

[34] And a *certain* man drew a bow *at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the *joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am *wounded. [35] And the battle *increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the *midst of the chariot. [36] And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country. [37] So the king died, and *was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. [38] And *one* washed the

Heb. *in his simplicity.*

Heb. *joints and the breastplate.*

Heb. *made sick.*

Heb. *ascended.*

Heb. *bosom.*

Heb. *came.*

chariot in the pool of Samaria: and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat *was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places. 44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 46 And the remnant of the sodomites which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

47 *There was* then no king in Edom: a deputy *was* king. 48 Jehoshaphat *made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber. 49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

* Or, had *ten ships.*

50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was

buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel. 52 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin: 53 for he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the Lord God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

II. KINGS.

I. THEN Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. [2] And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. [3] But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? [4] Now therefore thus saith the LORD, *Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

*Heb. *The bed whither thou art gone up, thou shalt not come down from it.*

[5] And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back? [6] And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. [7] And he said unto them, *What manner

*Heb. *What* was *the manner of the man?*

of man *was he* which came up to meet you, and told you these words? [8] And they answered him, *He was* an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It *is* Elijah the Tishbite.

[9] Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. [10] And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *be* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. [11] Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. [12] And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I *be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. [13] And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and *fell on his knees Heb. *bowed.* before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. [14] Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight. [15] And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

[16] And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, *is it* not because *there is* no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore

thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

II. AND it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said *unto him*, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el. 3 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know *it;* hold ye your peace. 4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know *it;* hold ye your peace. 6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood *to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. 8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped

* Heb. *in sight*, or *over against*.

it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, *Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be *so*.

Heb. Thou hast done hard in asking.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the *bank of Jordan; 14 and he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

Heb. lip.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which *were* to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah dost rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty *strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up,

Heb. sons of strength.

and cast him upon *some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send. [17] And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. [18] And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

*Heb. one of the mountains.

[19] And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water *is* naught, and the ground *barren. [20] And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought *it* to him. [21] And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren *land*. [22] So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

*Heb. causing to miscarry.

[23] And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. [24] And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them. [25] And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

III. Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. [2] And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the *image of Baal that his father had made. [3] Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam

*Heb. statue.

the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool. 5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel. 7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, *and* my horses as thy horses. 8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom. 9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle *that followed them. *Heb. *at their feet.*

10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab! 11 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here *is* Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah. 12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD

hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab. [14] And Elisha said, *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. [15] But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. [16] And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches. [17] For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain: yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. [18] And this is *but* a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. [19] And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and *mar every good piece of land with stones. [20] And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

Heb. grieve.

[21] And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they *gathered all that were able to *put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border. [22] And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as* red as blood: [23] and they said, This *is* blood: the kings are surely *slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil. [24] And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but *they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in *their* country. [25] And they beat down the cities, and on every good

Heb. were cried together.
Heb. gird himself with a girdle.
Heb. destroyed.
Or, they smote in it even smiting.

piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: *only in Kir-haraseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about *it*, and smote it.

Heb. until he left the stones thereof in Kir-haraseth.

[26] And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through *even* unto the king of Edom: but they could not. [27] Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him *for* a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

IV. Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. [2] And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. [3] Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, *even* empty vessels; *borrow not a few. [4] And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. [5] So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured out. [6] And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is* not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. [7] Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and

Or, scant not.

pay thy *debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

Or, creditor.

[8] And *it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she *constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. [9] And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. [10] Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. [11] And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. [12] And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. [13] And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. [14] And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. [15] And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. [16] And he said, About this *season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

Heb. *there was a day.*

Heb. *laid hold on him.*

Heb. *set time.*

[17] And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life. [18] And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. [19] And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. [20] And when

he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died. [21] And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out. [22] And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. [23] And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* neither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* *well. [24] Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; *slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee. [25] So she went, and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel.

Heb. *peace.*

Heb. *restrain not for me to ride.*

And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite: [26] run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well. [27] And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught *him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul *is* *vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me. [28] Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? [29] Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. [30] And the mother of the child said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

Heb. *by his feet.*

Heb. *bitter.*

[31] And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither

voice, nor *hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. [32] And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed. [33] He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. [34] And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. [35] Then he returned, and walked in the house *to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. [36] And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. [37] Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

*Heb. attention.

*Heb. once hither, and once thither.

[38] AND Elisha came again to Gilgal: and *there was* a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets. [39] And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not. [40] So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O *thou* man of God, *there is* death in the pot. And they could not eat *thereof*. [41] But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no *harm in the pot.

*Heb. evil thing.

42 And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn *in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. 43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof*. 44 So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and left *thereof*, according to the word of the LORD.

Or, in his scrip, or, garment.

V. Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man *with his master, and *honourable, because by him the LORD had given *deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, *but he was* a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she *waited on Naaman's wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* *with the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for he would *recover him of his leprosy. 4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that *is* of the land of Israel.

Heb. before. *Or, gracious. Heb. lifted up, or, accepted in countenance.* *Or, victory.* *Heb. was before.* *Heb. before.* *Heb. gather in.*

5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took *with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. 7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? where-

Heb. in his hand.

fore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

8 And it was *so*, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. 9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. 11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, *I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and *strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 *Are* not *Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some* great thing, wouldest thou not have done *it?* how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

*Heb. *I said.* Or, *I said with myself, He will surely come out, &c.*

*Heb. *more up and down.*

Or, *Amana.*

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. 16 But he said, *As* the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take *it;* but he refused. 17 And

Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD. [18]In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, *that* when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing. [19]And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him *a little way.

*Heb. *a little piece of ground.*

[20]But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. [21]So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is* all well? [22]And he said, All *is* well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. [23]And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they bare *them* before him. [24]And when he came to the *tower, he took *them* from their hand, and bestowed *them* in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed. [25]But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence *comest thou*, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went *no whither. [26]And he said unto him, Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet

*Heb. *Is there peace?*

*Or, *secret place.*

*Heb. *not hither or thither.*

thee? *Is it* a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants? [27] The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white* as snow.

VI. And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. [2] Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. [3] And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. [4] So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. [5] But as one was felling a beam, the *ax head fell into the water: and Heb. *iron.* he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. [6] And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in thither; and the iron did swim. [7] Therefore said he, Take *it* up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

[8] Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my *camp. [9] And the man Or, *encamping.* of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. [10] And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

[11] Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel? [12] And one of his servants said, *None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet Heb. *No.*

that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. [13] And he said, Go, and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

[14] Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a *great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. [15] And when the *servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? [16] And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them. [17] And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

[18] And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. [19] And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: *follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. [20] And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of Samaria.

[21] And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them?* shall I smite *them?* [22] And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them:* wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and

Heb. *heavy.*

Or, *minister.*

Heb. *come ye after me.*

water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. [23]And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

[24]And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. [25]And there was a great famine in Samaria; and behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver.

[26]And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. [27]And he said, *If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress? [28]And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow. [29]So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the *next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son. [30]And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh. [31]Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

*Or, *Let not the LORD save thee.*

*Heb. *other.*

[32]But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door:

is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?
33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the
messenger came down unto him; and he said, Behold,
this evil *is* of the LORD; what should I wait for the
LORD any longer?

VII. Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the
LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this
time *shall* a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a shekel,
and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate
of Samaria. 2 Then *a lord on whose hand
the king leaned answered the man of God,
and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would make windows in
heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold,
thou shalt see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt not eat
thereof.

*Heb. a lord which belonged to the king leaning upon his hand.

3 And there were four leprous men at the entering
in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit
we here until we die? 4 If we say, We will enter into
the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall
die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now
therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the
Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if
they kill us, we shall but die. 5 And they rose up in
the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and
when they were come to the uttermost part of the
camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there. 6 For
the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to hear a
noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise
of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the
king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the
Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come
upon us. 7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the
twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and
their asses, even the camp as it *was*, and fled for their
life.

[8] And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it;* and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence *also*, and went and hid *it.*

[9] Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day *is* a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, *some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

*Heb. *we shall find punishment.*

[10] So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were.* [11] And he called the porters; and they told *it* to the king's house within.

[12] And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *be* hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city. [13] And one of his servants answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left *in the city, (behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, *I say*, they *are* even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:) and let us send and see. [14] They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. [15] And they went after them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

*Heb. *in it.*

[16]And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD. [17]And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him. [18]And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria: [19]and that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, *if* the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. [20]And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

VIII. THEN spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years. [2]And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

[3]And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. [4]And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done. [5]And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman,

whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life. 6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain *officer, saying, Restore all that *was* her's, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

*Or, eunuch.

7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. 8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? 9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present *with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? 10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die. 11 And he settled his countenance *stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

*Heb. *in his hand.*

*Heb. *and set* it.

12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child. 13 And Hazael said, But what, *is* thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou *shalt be* king over Syria. 14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he

answered, He told me *that* thou shouldest surely recover. [15] And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

[16] And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah *began to reign. [17] Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. [18] And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. [19] Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway a *light, *and* to his children.

*Heb. reigned.

*Heb. candle, or, lamp.

[20] In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. [21] So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents. [22] Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

[23] And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [24] And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

[25] In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign. [26] Two and twenty years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was*

Athaliah, the *daughter of Omri king of Israel. *Or, granddaughter.*
[27] And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as *did* the house of Ahab: for he *was* the son in law of the house of Ahab. [28] And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians wounded Joram. [29] And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds *which the Syrians had given him at *Heb. wherewith the Syrians had wounded.* Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was *sick. *Heb. wounded.*

IX. [1] AND Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead: [2] and when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an *inner cham- *Heb. chamber in a chamber.* ber; [3] then take the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not. [4] So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

[5] And when he came, behold, the captains of the host *were* sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain. [6] And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel. [7] And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and

the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. [8] For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel: [9] and I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah: [10] and the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be* none to bury *her*. And he opened the door, and fled.

[11] Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this mad *fellow* to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication. [12] And they said, *It is* false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. [13] Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu *is king. [14] So Jehu Heb. *reigneth.*
the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria. [15] But king *Joram was returned to be Heb. *Jehoram.*
healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians *had given him, when he fought with Hazael Heb. *smote.*
king of Syria.)

And Jehu said, If it be your minds, *then* *let none go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go Heb. *let no escaper go, &c.*
to tell *it* in Jezreel. [16] So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

[17] And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said,

Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it* peace? [18] So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again. [19] Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. [20] And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the *driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth *furiously.

*Or, *marching.*

*Heb. *in madness.*

[21] And Joram said, *Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and *met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

*Heb. *Bind.*

*Heb. *found.*

[22] And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it* peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are so* many? [23] And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is* treachery, O Ahaziah. [24] And Jehu *drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he *sunk down in his chariot. [25] Then said *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, Take up, *and* cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him; [26] Surely I have seen yesterday the *blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this *plat, saith the

*Heb. *filled his hand with a bow.*

*Heb. *bowed.*

*Heb. *bloods.*

*Or, *portion.*

LORD. Now therefore take *and* cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of the LORD.

[27] But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. [28] And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers, in the city of David. [29] And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

[30] And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it;* and she *painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. [31] And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had* Zimri peace, who slew his master? [32] And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? And there looked out to him two *or* three *eunuchs. [33] And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. [34] And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman*, and bury her: for she *is* a king's daughter. [35] And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands. [36] Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This *is* the word of the LORD, which he spake *by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: [37] and the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; *so* that they shall not say, This *is* Jezebel.

Heb. put her eyes in painting.

Or, chamberlains.

Heb. by the hand of.

X. And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And

Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to *them Heb. *nourishers.* that brought up Ahab's *children*, saying, 2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour; 3 look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. 4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand? 5 And he that *was* over the house, and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up *of the children*, sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which is* good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye *be* *mine, and *if* ye will hearken Heb. *for me.* unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, *being* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them up. 7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jezreel. 8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning. 9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye *be* righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these? 10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning

the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done *that* which he spake *by his servant Elijah. Heb. *by the hand of.*

[11] So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his *kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining. Or, *acquaintance.*

[12] And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. *And* as he *was* at the *shearing house in the way, Heb. *house of shepherds binding* sheep.

[13] Jehu *met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down *to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen. Heb. *found.* Heb. *to the peace of, &c.*

[14] And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

[15] And when he was departed thence, he *lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he *saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give *me* thine hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. Heb. *found.* Heb. *blessed.*

[16] And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

[17] And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.

[18] And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; *but* Jehu shall serve him much. [19] Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he

shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.
[20] And Jehu said, *Proclaim a solemn assem- Heb. *Sanctify.*
bly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*. [21] And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was *full from one end to Or, *so full* that they stood *mouth to mouth*.
another. [22] And he said unto him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.
[23] And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only. [24] And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go*, his life *shall be* for the life of him.

[25] And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them: let none come forth. And they smote them with *the Heb. *the mouth.*
edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. [26] And they brought forth the *images Heb. *statues.*
out of the house of Baal, and burned them. [27] And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.

[28] Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. [29] Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that *were* in Beth-el, and that *were* in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing *that which is* right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, thy children of the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel.
31 But Jehu *took no heed to walk in the law (Heb. *observed not.*) of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.
32 In those days the LORD began *to cut (Heb. *to cut off the ends.*) Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel; 33 from Jordan *eastward, (Heb. *toward the rising of the sun.*) all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, *even Gilead and Bashan. (Or, *even to Gilead and Bashan.*)
34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.
36 And *the time that Jehu reigned over Israel (Heb. *the days were.*) in Samaria *was* twenty and eight years.

XI. AND when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the *seed royal. (Heb. *seed of the kingdom.*)
2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *which were* slain; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. 3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.
4 And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the

LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son. [5] And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house; [6] and a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, *that it be not broken down. [7] And two *parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king. [8] And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in.

*Or, *from breaking up.*

*Or, *companies.* Heb. *hands.*

[9] And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. [10] And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that *were* in the temple of the LORD. [11] And the guard stood every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right *corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

*Heb. *shoulder.*

[12] And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, *God save the king.

*Heb. *Let the king live.*

[13] And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD. [14] And when she looked, behold,

the king stood by a pillar, as the manner *was*, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason. [15] But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges: and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD. [16] And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

[17] And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD'S people; between the king also and the people. [18] And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed *officers over the house of the LORD. *Heb. offices.* [19] And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. [20] And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

[21] SEVEN years old *was* Jehoash when he began to reign. XII. In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beersheba. [2] And Jehoash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. [3] But the high places were not

taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the *dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *even* the money of every one that passeth *the account*, *the money that every man is set at, *and* all the money that *cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD, 5 let the priests take *it* to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

*Or, holy things. Heb. holinesses.

*Heb. the money of the souls of his estimation.

*Heb. ascendeth upon the heart of a man.

6 But it was *so*, *that* *in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. 7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. 8 And the priests consented to receive no *more* money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

*Heb. in the twentieth year and third year.

9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the *door put therein all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD.

*Heb. threshold.

10 And it was *so*, when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's *scribe and the high priest came up, and they *put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD. 11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they

*Or, secretary.

*Heb. bound up.

*laid it out to the carpenters and builders, Heb. *brought it forth.* that wrought upon the house of the LORD, [12] and to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that *was laid out for the Heb. *went forth.* house to repair *it*. [13] Howbeit there were not made for the house of the LORD bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD: [14] but they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD. [15] Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully. [16] The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the LORD: it was the priests'.

[17] Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. [18] And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of the LORD and in the king's house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria: and he *went away from Jerusalem. Heb. *went up.*

[19] And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [20] And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in *the Or, *Beth-millo.* house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla. [21] For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of *Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he Or, *Shimrith.* died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

XIII. In *the three and twentieth year (Heb. *the twentieth year and third year.*) of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years. 2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, and *followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which (Heb. *walked after.*) made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. 3 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days. 4 And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. 5 (And the LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, *as beforetime. 6 Nevertheless (Heb. *as yesterday and third day.*) they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, *but* *walked therein: (Heb. *he walked.*) and there *remained the grove also in Samaria.) (Heb. *stood.*) 7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

10 In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years. 11 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: *but* he

walked therein. [12] And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [13] And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

[14] Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. [15] And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows. [16] And he said to the king of Israel, *Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand *upon it:* and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. [17] And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened *it.* Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed *them.* [18] And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them.* And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. [19] And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times, then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed *it:* whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but* thrice.

[20] And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. [21] And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band *of men;* and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man *was let down, and

* Heb. *Make thine hand to ride.*

* Heb. *went down.*

touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. 23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his *presence as yet. 24 So Hazael king of Syria died: and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead. 25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz *took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

Heb. face.

Heb. returned and took.

XIV. IN the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah. 2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. 3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did. 4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places. 5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father. 6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers: but every man shall be put to death for his own sin. 7 He slew of Edom in

the valley of salt ten thousand, and took *Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day. *Or, the rock.

[8] Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. [9] And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. [10] Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory *of this*, and tarry *at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee. *Heb. at thy house.

[11] But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up: and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah. [12] And Judah *was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents. *Heb. was smitten. [13] And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. [14] And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

[15] Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [16] And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with

the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. 18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. 20 And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah, which *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. 22 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* forty and one years. 24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 25 He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which *was* of Gath-hepher. 26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for *there was* not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. 27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, *which belonged* to Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the book of

the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [29] And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, *even* with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

XV. In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. [2] Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jecholiah of Jerusalem. [3] And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done; [4] save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

[5] And the Lord smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son *was* over the house, judging the people of the land.

[6] And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [7] So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

[8] In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months. [9] And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. [10] And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

[11] And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [12] This *was* the word of the Lord which he

spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth *generation*. And so it came to pass.

[13] SHALLUM the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned *a full month in Samaria. [14] For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

*Heb. a month of days.

[15] And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

[16] Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that *were* therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not *to him*, therefore he smote *it; and* all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

[17] IN the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria. [18] And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. [19] *And* Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. [20] And Menahem *exacted the money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

*Heb. caused to come forth.

[21] And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [22] And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah
Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over
Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years. 24 And he
did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he
departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 25 But Pekah the son
of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him,
and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's
house, with Argob and Arieh, and with him fifty men
of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in
his room.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that
he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of
Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over
Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years. 28 And
he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD:
he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-
pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-
maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and
Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried
them captive to Assyria.

30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy
against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him,
and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth
year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that
he did, behold they *are* written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah
king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king
of Judah to reign. 33 Five and twenty years old was

he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok. [34] And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. [35] Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

[36] Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

[37] In those days the LORD began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. [38] And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

XVI. IN the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. [2] Twenty years old *was* Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father. [3] But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. [4] And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

[5] Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*. [6] At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the Jews from *Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this

*Heb. *Eloth.*

day. [7] So Ahaz sent messengers to *Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me. [8] And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria. [9] And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against *Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

*Heb. Tilgath-pileser.

*Heb. Damesek.

[10] And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. [11] And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made *it* against king Ahaz came from Damascus. [12] And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon. [13] And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of *his peace offerings upon the altar. [14] And he brought also the brasen altar, which *was* before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar. [15] And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon

*Heb. *the peace offerings which* were *his.*

it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire *by*. [16] Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded. [17] And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brasen oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones. [18] And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria.

[19] Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [20] And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

XVII. IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. [2] And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. [3] Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and *gave him *presents. Heb. *rendered.* Or, *tribute.*

[4] And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

[5] Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. [6] In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

[7] For *so* it was, that the children of Israel had sinned

against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, [8] and walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. [9] And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. [10] And they set them up *images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: [11] and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things, to provoke the LORD to anger: [12] for they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

* Heb. *statues.*

[13] Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, *by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. [14] Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. [15] And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. [16] And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, *even* two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

* Heb. *by the hand of all.*

17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to
pass through the fire, and used divination and enchant-
ments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of
the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel,
and removed them out of his sight: there was none
left but the tribe of Judah only. 19 Also Judah kept
not the commandments of the LORD their God, but
walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and
afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of
spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 21 For
he rent Israel from the house of David; and they
made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam
drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them
sin a great sin. 22 For the children of Israel walked
in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they
departed not from them; 23 until the LORD removed
Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his
servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away
out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

24 And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Baby-
lon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from
Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in
the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel:
and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities
thereof. 25 And *so* it was at the beginning of their
dwelling there, *that* they feared not the LORD: there-
fore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew
some of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria,
saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and
placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner
of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions
among them, and, behold, they slay them, because

they know not the manner of the God of the land.
[27] Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.
[28] Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

[29] Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. [30] And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, [31] and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. [32] So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. [33] They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations *whom they carried away from thence.

* Or, *who carried them away from thence.*

[34] Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; [35] with whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: [36] but the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice. [37] And the statutes,

and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. [38] And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. [39] But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. [40] Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

[41] So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

XVIII. Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. [2] Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. [3] And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did. [4] He removed the high places, and brake the *images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it *Nehushtan. [5] He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him. [6] For he clave to the LORD, *and* departed not *from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

Heb. *statues.*

That is, *a piece of brass.*

Heb. *from after him.*

[7] And the LORD was with him; *and* he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. [8] He smote

the Philistines, *even* unto *Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. *Heb. Azzah.*

9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. 10 And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that *is* the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. 11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: 12 because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear *them*, nor do *them*.

13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did *Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them. *Heb. Sanherib.* 14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15 And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house. 16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave *it to the king of Assyria. *Heb. them.*

17 And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a *great host against Jerusalem. And they went *Heb. heavy.*

up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the highway of the fuller's field. [18] And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the *scribe, Heb. *secretary.* and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

[19] And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest? [20] Thou *sayest, (but *they are but* *vain Or, *talkest.* Heb. *word of the lips.* words,) **I have* counsel and strength for Or, *but counsel and strength* are *for the war.* the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? [21] Now, behold, thou *trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, Heb. *trustest thee.* *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. [22] But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is* not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? [23] Now therefore, I pray thee, give *pledges Or, *hostages.* to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. [24] How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? [25] Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

[26] Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it:*

and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall. [27] But Rab-shakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink *their own piss with you? *Heb. the water of their feet.*

[28] Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: [29] Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: [30] neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. [31] Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, *Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his *cistern: [32] until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he *persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. [33] Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? [34] Where *are* the gods of Hamath and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? [35] Who *are* they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?

Or, *Seek my favour.* Heb. *Make with me a blessing.*

Or, *pit.*

Or, *deceiveth.*

[36] But the people held their peace, and answered him

not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

XIX. And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. 2 And he sent Eliakim, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and *blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth. 4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that are *left.

*Or, provocation.

*Heb. found.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9 And when he heard

say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, [10] Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. [11] Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? [12] Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Thelasar? [13] Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

[14] And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. [15] And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. [16] LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. [17] Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, [18] and have *cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. [19] Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only.

* Heb. *given.*

[20] Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which

thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. [21] This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him;

The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. [22] Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy *One* of Israel. [23] *By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down *the tall cedar trees thereof, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* *the forest of his Carmel. [24] I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of *besieged places. [25] *Hast thou not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps. [26] Therefore their inhabitants were *of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the house tops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up. [27] But I know thy *abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. [28] Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and

Heb. *By the hand of.*

Heb. *the tallness, &c.*

Or, *the forest*, and *his fruitful field.*

Or, *fenced.*

Or, *Hast thou not heard* how *I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laid waste*, and *fenced cities* to be *ruinous heaps?*

Heb. *short of hand.*

Or, *sitting.*

my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

29 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof. 30 And *the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. 31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and *they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD *of hosts* shall do this.

*Heb. the escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.

*Heb. the escaping.

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. 33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. 34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of *Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

*Heb. *Ararat.*

XX. IN those days was Hezekiah sick unto death.

And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. [2]Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, [3]I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept *sore.

*Heb. Give charge concerning thine house.

*Heb. with a great weeping.

[4]And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle *court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, [5]Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. [6]And I will add unto thy days fifteen years: and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. [7]And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

*Or, city.

[8]And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What *shall be* the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day? [9]And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? [10]And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. [11]And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the *dial of Ahaz.

*Heb. degrees.

[12]At that time *Berodach-baladan, the son

*Or, Merodach-baladan.

of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his *precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his *armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

*Or, spicery.

*Or, jewels. Heb. vessels.

14 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, *even* from Babylon. 15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD. 17 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. 18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. 19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, *Is it* not *good*, if peace and truth be in my days?

*Or, Shall there not be peace and truth, &c.

20 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

XXI. MANASSEH *was* twelve years old when he

began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hephzi-bah. 2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6 And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *him* to anger. 7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: 8 neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. 9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying, 11 Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, *and* hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which *were* before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: 12 therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I *am*

bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipeth a dish, *wiping *it*, and turning *it* upside down. 14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 15 because they have done *that which was* evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

*Heb. *he wipeth and turneth it upon the face thereof.*

16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem *from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD. 17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

*Heb. *from mouth to mouth.*

19 AMON *was* twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. 20 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did. 21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them: 22 and he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD. 23 And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house. 24 And the people

of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

[25] Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [26] And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

XXII. Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. [2] And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

[3] And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the Lord, saying, [4] Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the *door have gathered of the people: [5] and let them deliver it into the hands of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord: and let them give it to the doers of the work which *is* in the house of the Lord, to repair the breaches of the house, [6] unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. [7] Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

* Heb. *threshold.*

[8] And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. [9] And Shaphan the scribe

came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have *gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD. [10] And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. [11] And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. [12] And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of *Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, [13] Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

[14] So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of *Harhas, keeper of the *wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem *in the college;) and they communed with her.

[15] And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, [16] Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: [17] because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place,

Heb. *melted.*

Or, *Micah.*

Or, *Hasrah.*

Heb. *garments.*

Or, *in the second part.*

and shall not be quenched. [18] But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *As touching* the words which thou hast heard; [19] Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *thee*, saith the LORD. [20] Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

XXIII. And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem, [2] And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, * both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. [3] And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all *their* heart and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

* Heb. *from small even unto great.*

[4] And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he

burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el.
5 And he *put down *the idolatrous priests, Heb. *caused to cease.* Heb. *chemarim.*
whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the *planets, and to all the Or, *twelve signs,* or, *constellations.*
host of heaven. 6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped *it* small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.
7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that *were* by the house of the LORD, where the women wove *hangings for the grove. Heb. *houses.*

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. 9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. 11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the *chamberlain, which *was* in Heb. *eunuch,* or, *officer.*
the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 12 And the altars that *were* on the top of the

upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and *brake *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. [13] And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of *the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. [14] And he brake in pieces the *images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

[15] Moreover the altar that *was* at Beth-el, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, *and* stamped *it* small to powder, and burned the grove. [16] And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that *were* there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. [17] Then he said, What title *is* that that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el. [18] And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones *alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

[19] And all the houses also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the LORD* to anger, Josiah took

Or, *ran from thence.*

That is, the mount of Olives.

Heb. *statues.*

Heb. *to escape.*

away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. [20] And he *slew all the priests of the high places that *were* there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

*Or, sacrificed.

[21] And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant. [22] Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; [23] but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *wherein* this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.

[24] Moreover the *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the *images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

*Or, teraphim.

[25] And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *any* like him.

[26] Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.

*Heb. angers.

[27] And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

[28] Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

29 In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went
up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates:
and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him
at Megiddo, when he had seen him. 30 And his ser-
vants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo,
and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his
own sepulchre. And the people of the land took
Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and
made him king in his father's stead.

31 JEHOAHAZ *was* twenty and three years old when
he began to reign; and he reigned three months in
Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal,
the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 32 And he did
that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according
to all that his fathers had done. 33 And Pharaoh-
nechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of
Hamath, *that he might not reign in Jerusa- Or, *because he reigned.*
lem; and *put the land to a tribute of an Heb. *set a mulct upon the land.*
hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. 34 And
Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king
in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name
to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came
to Egypt, and died there. 35 And Jehoiakim gave the
silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land
to give the money according to the commandment of
Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the
people of the land, of every one according to his tax-
ation, to give *it* unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

36 JEHOIAKIM *was* twenty and five years old when
he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in
Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the
daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 37 And he did *that
which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to
all that his fathers had done.

XXIV. In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Baby-

lon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. 2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake *by his servants the prophets. *Heb. by the hand of.*
3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; 4 and also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 JEHOIACHIN *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. 9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city *was besieged. 11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of *Heb. came into siege.*
Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it. 12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his *officers: *Or, eunuchs.*

and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. [13] And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. [14] And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

[15] And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his *officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. [16] And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. [17] And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

Or, eunuchs.

[18] ZEDEKIAH *was* twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. [19] And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. [20] For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

XXV. And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about. [2] And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of

king Zedekiah. [3] And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. [4] And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which *is* by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees *were* against the city round about:) and *the king* went the way toward the plain. [5] And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him. [6] So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they *gave judgment upon him. [7] And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and *put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

*Heb. spake judgment with him.

*Heb. made blind.

[8] And in the fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the month, which *is* the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, *captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: [9] and he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great *man's* house burnt he with fire. [10] And all the army of the Chaldees, that *were with* the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about. [11] Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city, and the *fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away. [12] But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vinedressers and husbandmen.

*Or, chief marshal.

*Heb. fallen away.

[13] And the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in

pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.
14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and
the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they
ministered, took they away. 15 And the firepans, and
the bowls, *and* such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold,
and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took
away. 16 The two pillars, *one sea, and the bases Heb. *the one sea.*
which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD:
the brass of all these vessels was without weight.
17 The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits,
and the chapiter upon it *was* brass: and the height of
the chapiter three cubits; and the wreathen work,
and pomegranates upon the chapiter round about, all
of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar
with wreathen work.

18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the
chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the
three keepers of the *door: 19 and out of the Heb. *threshold.*
city he took an *officer that was set over the Or, *eunuch.*
men of war, and five men of them that *were Heb. *saw the king's face.*
in the king's presence, which were found in the city,
and the *principal scribe of the host, Or, *scribe of the captain of the host.*
which mustered the people of the land, and threescore
men of the people of the land *that were* found in the
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these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to
Riblah: 21 and the king of Babylon smote them, and
slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah
was carried away out of their land.

22 And *as for* the people that remained in the land
of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and
their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made

Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. [24] And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

[25] But it came to pass, in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed *royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah. [26] And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

*Heb. *of the kingdom.*

[27] And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; [28] and he spake *kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon; [29] and changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life. [30] And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

*Heb. *good things with him.*

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The Chronicles contain a summary of the history of the Jews, from their origin as a people to the close of the first captivity.

The first book embraces a period of nearly three thousand years. The genealogies from Adam to Jacob occupy chap. i.; thence on to David, chap. ii.; from David to Zerubbabel, chap. iii.; recapitulation of Judah and Simeon, chap. iv.; the histories of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh, chap. v.; the genealogies of Levi and Aaron, with the offices and cities of the priests and Levites, chap. vi.; Issachar, Benjamin, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, and Asher, chap. vii.; Benjamin to Saul, chap. viii.; the repeopling of Jerusalem after the captivity, chap. ix. 23–34; the close of Saul's life, chap. ix. 35–44, and x. The history of David, chaps. xi.–xxix.

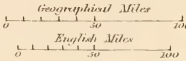
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These Chronicles of the history of Judah and Israel may be said to be supplementary to the 'Books of the Kings.' Their principal object appears to be to establish the true genealogies of the people of God, and the true nature of His ordinances and worship, in anticipation of the return of the people from the lands of their exile. This purpose was doubtless partially accomplished when the remnant was restored to the land of their fathers after their long sojourn in Babylon; but are not these books even now waiting to fulfil their purpose when Israel shall dwell once more in their own land?

It is interesting to notice throughout the historical portion of these books the devotional and explanatory remarks of the writer.

THE KINGDOM AS DIVIDED UNDER REHOBOAM.
showing the extent of the several Captivities;
with
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Second d° (	" Shalmaneser)	" 17. 6	Brown
Third d° (	" Nebuchadnezzar)	" 25.21	Purple

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I. CHRONICLES.

I. Adam, Sheth, Enosh, [2] Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered, [3] Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech, [4] Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[5] The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. [6] And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and *Riphath, and Togarmah. [7] And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and *Dodanim.

Or, *Diphath.*

Or, *Rodanim.*

[8] The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. [9] And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. [10] And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth. [11] And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, [12] and Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and Caphthorim. [13] And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn, and Heth, [14] the Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, [15] and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, [16] and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

[17] The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and

Gether, and *Meshech. [18]And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber. [19]And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one *was* *Peleg: because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name *was* Joktan. [20]And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, [21]Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah, [22]and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, [23]and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.

[24]Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, [25]Eber, Peleg, Reu, [26]Serug, Nahor, Terah, [27]Abram; the same *is* Abraham.

[28]The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael. [29]These *are* their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, [30]Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, *Hadad, and Tema, [31]Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

[32]Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan. [33]And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these *are* the sons of Keturah.

[34]And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac; Esau, and Israel.

[35]The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. [36]The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, *Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. [37]The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. [38]And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan. [39]And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and *Homam: and Timna *was* Lotan's sister. [40]The sons of Shobal; *Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, *Shephi, and Onam.

Or, *Mash.*

That is, *Division.*

Or, *Hadar.*

Or, *Zepho.*

Or, *Heman.*

Or, *Alvan.*

Or, *Shepho.*

And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah. [41] The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; *Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. [42] The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, *and* *Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran.

Or, *Hemdan.*

Or, *Achan.*

[43] Now these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before *any* king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah. [44] And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. [45] And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. [46] And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith. [47] And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. [48] And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. [49] And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. [50] And when Baal-hanan was dead, *Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* *Pai; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. [51] Hadad died also.

Or, *Hadar.*

Or, *Pau.*

And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke *Aliah, duke Jetheth, [52] duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, [53] duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, [54] duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These *are* the dukes of Edom.

Or, *Alvah.*

II. THESE *are* the sons of *Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, [2] Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

Or, *Jacob.*

[3] The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: *which* three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah,

was evil in the sight of the LORD; and he slew him.
4 And Tamar his daughter in law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah *were* five.

5 The sons of Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul. 6 And the sons of Zerah; *Zimri, and Ethan, and He- Or, *Zabdi.*
man, and Calcol, and *Dara: five of them in Or, *Darda.*
all. 7 And the sons of Carmi; *Achar, the Or, *Achan.*
troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing accursed. 8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah. 9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and *Ram, and *Chelubai. Or, *Arom.* Or, *Caleb.*

10 And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah; 11 and Nahshon begat *Salma, and Salma begat Boaz, Or, *Salmon.*
12 and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse, 13 and Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and *Shimma the third, 14 Nethaneel Or, *Shammah.*
the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh: 16 whose sisters *were* Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. 17 And Abigail bare Amasa; and the father of Amasa *was* *Jether the Ish- *Ithra an Israelite,* 2 Sa. 17. 25.
meelite.

18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat *children* of Azubah *his* wife, and of Jerioth: her sons *are* these; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon. 19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur. 20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel. 21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he *married when he *was* threescore years old; Heb. *took.*
and she bare him Segub. 22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.
23 And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and the towns thereof,

even threescore cities. All these *belonged to* the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. [24]And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephratah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

[25]And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were, Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, *and* Ahijah. [26]Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name *was* Atarah; she *was* the mother of Onam. [27]And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. [28]And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur. [29]And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and Molid. [30]And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died without children. [31]And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the children of Sheshan; Ahlai. [32]And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan; and Jether died without children. [33]And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

[34]Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Jarha. [35]And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai. [36]And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad, [37]and Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed, [38]and Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah, [39]and Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah, [40]and Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum, [41]and Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.

[42]Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were*, Mesha his firstborn, which *was* the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and
Rekem, and Shema. 44 And Shema begat Raham, the
father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai.
45 And the son of Shammai *was* Maon: and Maon *was*
the father of Beth-zur. 46 And Ephah, Caleb's concu-
bine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran
begat Gazez. 47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and
Jotham, and Gesham, and Pelet, and Ephah, and
Shaaph. 48 Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber,
and Tirhanah. 49 She bare also Shaaph the father of
Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and
the father of Gibea: and the daughter of Caleb *was*
Achsa.

50 These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the
firstborn of *Ephratah; Shobal the father of Or, *Ephrath.*
Kirjath-jearim, 51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem,
Hareph the father of Beth-gader. 52 And Shobal the
father of Kirjath-jearim had sons; *Haroeh, Or, *Reaiah.*
and *half of the Manahethites. 53 And Or, *half of the Menuchites,* or, *Hatsi-hammenuchoth.*
the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the
Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of
them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites. 54 The
sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites,
*Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half Or, *Atarites,* or, *crowns of the house of Joab.*
of the Manahethites, the Zorites. 55 And the families
of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites,
the Shimeathites, *and* Suchathites. These *are* the
Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house
of Rechab.

III. Now these were the sons of David, which were
born unto him in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of
Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second *Daniel, Or, *Chileab.*
of Abigail the Carmelitess: 2 the third, Absalom the
son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur:
the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith: 3 the fifth,

Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife. [4] *These* six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years. [5] And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; *Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of *Bathshua the daughter of *Ammiel: [6] Ibhar also, and *Elishama, and Eliphelet, [7] and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, [8] and Elishama, and *Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. [9] *These* *were* all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

Or, *Shammua.* Or, *Bathsheba.* Or, *Eliam.* Or, *Elishua.*

[10] And Solomon's son *was* Rehoboam, *Abia his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, [11] Joram his son, *Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, [12] Amaziah his son, *Azariah his son, Jotham his son, [13] Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, [14] Amon his son, Josiah his son.

Or, *Abijam.* Or, *Azariah.* Or, *Uzziah.*

[15] And the sons of Josiah *were*, the firstborn *Johanan, the second *Jehoiakim, the third *Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

Or, *Jehoahaz.* Or, *Eliakim.* Or, *Mattaniah.*

[16] And the sons of Jehoiakim: *Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

Or, *Jehoiachin; or, Coniah.*

[17] And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, *Salathiel his son, [18] Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

Heb. *Shealtiel.*

[19] And the sons of Pedaiah *were*, Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister: [20] and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five.

[21] And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

[22] And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the

sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and *Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three. *Heb. *Hiskijahu.*

24 And the sons of Elioenai *were*, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

IV. The sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron, and *Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. 2 And *Reaiah Or, *Chelubai*; or, *Caleb.* the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath Or, *Haroeh.* begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These *are* the families of the Zorathites. 3 And these *were of* the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister *was* Hazelelponi: 4 and Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These *are* the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah, the father of Beth-lehem.

5 And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. 6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah. 7 And the sons of Helah *were*, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan. 8 And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

9 And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name *Jabez, saying, That is, *sorrowful.* Because I bare him with sorrow. 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, *Oh that thou Heb. *If thou wilt, &c.* wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest *keep *me* from evil, that it may not Heb. *do* me. grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

11 And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, which *was* the father of Eshton. 12 And Eshton begat

Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of *Ir-nahash. These *are* the men of Rechah. Or, *the city of Nahash.*
13 And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; *Hathath. 14 And Or, *Hathath*, and *Meonothai*, who *begat*, &c. Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of the *valley of *Charashim; for they Or, inhabitants *of the valley.* were craftsmen. 15 And the sons of Caleb the That is, *craftsmen.* son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, *even Kenaz. 16 And the sons of Or, *Uknaz.* Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel. 17 And the sons of Ezra *were*, Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. 18 And his wife *Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, Or, *the Jewess.* and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took. 19 And the sons of *his* wife *Hodiah the sister of Naham, Or, *Jehudijah.* the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite. 20 And the sons of Shimon *were*, Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were*, Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah *were*, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea, 22 and Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And *these are* ancient things. 23 These *were* the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 The sons of Simeon *were*, *Nemuel, and Or, *Jemuel.* Jamin, *Jarib, Zerah, *and* Shaul: 25 Shallum Or, *Jachin, Zohar.* his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. 26 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son,

Shimei his son. [27] And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, *like to the children of Judah. [28] And they dwelt in Beersheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, [29] and at *Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at *Tolad, [30] and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, [31] and at Beth-marcaboth, and *Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities unto the reign of David. [32] And their villages *were*, *Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities: [33] and all their villages that *were* round about the same cities, unto *Baal. These *were* their habitations, and *their genealogy. [34] And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, [35] and Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, [36] and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, [37] and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah; [38] these *mentioned by *their* names *were* princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

Heb. *unto.*

Or, *Balah.* Or, *Eltolad.*

Or, *Hazar-susah.*

Or, *Ether.*

Or, *Baalath-beer.*

Or, *as they divided themselves by nations among them.*

Heb. *coming.*

[39] And they went to the entrance of Gedor, *even* unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. [40] And they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for *they* of Ham had dwelt there of old. [41] And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks. [42] And *some* of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir,

having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. [43] And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

V. Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he *was* the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. [2] For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the chief *ruler; but the birthright *was* Joseph's:) [3] the sons, *I say*, of Reuben the firstborn of Israel *were*, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. [4] The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, [5] Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son, [6] Beerah his son, whom *Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away *captive:* he *was* prince of the Reubenites.

*Or, prince.

*Or, Tiglath-pileser.

[7] And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, *were* the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, [8] and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of *Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon: [9] and eastward he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates; because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. [10] And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents *throughout all the east *land* of Gilead.

*Or, Shemaiah.

*Heb. upon all the face of the east.

[11] And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salcah: [12] Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. [13] And their brethren of the house of their fathers *were*, Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven. [14] These *are* the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of

Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; [15] Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers. [16] And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, upon *their borders. [17] All these were reck- Heb. *their goings forth.*
oned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

[18] The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, *of valiant men, men able Heb. *sons of valour.*
to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, *were* four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war. [19] And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab. [20] And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him. [21] And they *took away their cattle; of their camels fifty Heb. *led captive.*
thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of *men Heb. *souls of men.*
an hundred thousand. [22] For there fell down many slain, because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their steads until the captivity.

[23] And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon. [24] And these *were* the heads of the house of their fathers, even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, *famous men, *and* heads of the Heb. *men of names.*
house of their fathers.

[25] And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the

people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.
26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul
king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king
of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the
Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of
Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor,
and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

VI. The sons of Levi; *Gershon, Kohath, Or, *Gershom.*
and Merari. 2 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar,
and Hebron, and Uzziel. 3 And the children of Am-
ram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also
of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
4 Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua, 5 and
Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi, 6 and
Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,
7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,
8 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz,
9 and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat
Johanan, 10 and Johanan begat Azariah, (he *it is* that
executed the priest's office *in the temple that Heb. *in the house.*
Solomon built in Jerusalem:) 11 and Azariah begat
Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 12 and Ahitub
begat Zadok, and Zadok begat *Shallum, Or, *Meshullam.*
13 and Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Aza-
riah, 14 and Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat
Jehozadak, 15 and Jehozadak went *into captivity*, when
the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the
hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 The sons of Levi; Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.
17 And these *be* the names of the sons of Gershom;
Libni, and Shimei. 18 And the sons of Kohath *were*,
Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 19 The
sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi.

And these *are* the families of the Levites according
to their fathers. 20 Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath

his son, Zimmah his son, [21] *Joah his son, *Iddo Or, *Ethan.* Or, *Adaiah.* his son, Zerah his son, *Jeaterai his son. [22] The Or, *Ethni.* sons of Kohath; *Amminadab his son, Korah Or, *Izhar.* his son, Assir his son, [23] Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son, [24] Tahath his son, *Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son. Or, *Zephaniah, Azariah, Joel.* [25] And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth. [26] *As for* Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; *Zophai Or, *Zuph.* his son, and Nahath his son, [27] Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. [28] And the sons of Samuel; the firstborn *Vashni, and Abiah. [29] The sons of Or, *Joel.* Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son, [30] Shimei his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

[31] And these *are they* whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest. [32] And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and *then* they waited on their office according to their order.

[33] And these *are* they that *waited with their Heb. *stood.* children. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel, [34] the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, [35] the son of *Zuph, the son of Elka- Or, *Zophai.* nah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, [36] the son of Elkanah, the son of *Joel, the son of Aza- Or, *Shaul, Uzziah, Uriel.* riah, the son of Zephaniah, [37] the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, [38] the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. [39] And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, *even* Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea, [40] the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah, [41] the son of Ethni, the

son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, [42] the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, [43] the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.

[44] And their brethren the sons of Merari *stood* on the left hand: * Ethan the son of * Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, [45] the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, [46] the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer, [47] the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. [48] Their brethren also the Levites *were* appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

Or, *Jeduthun.* Or, *Kushaiah.*

[49] But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, *and were appointed* for all the work of the *place* most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

[50] And these *are* the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, [51] Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, [52] Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, [53] Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

[54] Now these *are* their dwelling places throughout their castles in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for their's was the lot. [55] And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it. [56] But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. [57] And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, *namely*, Hebron, *the city* of refuge, and Libnah with her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs, [58] and * Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs, [59] and * Ashan with her suburbs, and Beth-she-mesh with her suburbs: [60] and out of the tribe of Ben-

Or, *Holon.* Or, *Ain.*

jamin; Geba with her suburbs, and *Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* thirteen cities. [61] And unto the sons of Kohath, *which were* left of the family of that tribe, *were cities given* out of the half tribe, *namely*, *out of* the half *tribe* of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.

[62] And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

[63] Unto the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. [64] And the children of Israel gave to the Levites *these* cities with their suburbs. [65] And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by *their* names.

[66] And *the residue* of the families of the sons of Kohath, had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim. [67] And they gave unto them, *of* the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; *they gave* also Gezer with her suburbs, [68] and Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs, [69] and Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs: [70] and out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath.

[71] Unto the sons of Gershom *were given* out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs; [72] and out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her

*Or, *Almon.*

suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs, [73]and Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs: [74]and out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs, [75]and Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs: [76]and out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.

[77] Unto the rest of the children of Merari *were given* out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs: [78]and on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, *were given them* out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs, [79]Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs: [80]and out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs, [81]and Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

VII. Now the sons of Issachar *were* Tola, and *Puah, Jashub, and Shimrom, four. [2]And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, *to wit*, of Tola: *they were* valiant men of might in their generations; whose number *was* in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred. [3]And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men.

[4]And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, *were* bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand *men:* for they had many wives and sons. [5]And their brethren among all the families of Issachar *were* valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand.

* Or, *Phuvah, Job.*

6 *The sons* of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three. 7 And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of *their* fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four. 8 And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the sons of Becher. 9 And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *was* twenty thousand and two hundred. 10 The sons also of Jediael; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar. 11 All these the sons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *were* seventeen thousand and two hundred *soldiers*, fit to go out for war *and* battle. 12 *Shuppim also, and Huppim, Or, *Shupham, Hupham.* the children of *Ir, *and* Hushim, the sons of Or, *Iri.* *Aher. Or, *Ahiram.*

13 The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14 The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom she bare; (*but* his concubine the Aramitess bare Machir the father of Gilead: 15 and Machir took to wife *the sister* of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name *was* Maachah;) and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters. 16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother *was* Sheresh; and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem. 17 And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These *were* the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. 18 And his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.

19 And the sons of Shemidah were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniham.

20 And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son, 21 and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath *that were* born in *that* land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. 22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. 24 (And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzen-sherah.) 25 And Rephah *was* his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son, 26 Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, 27 *Non his son, Jehoshuah his son. Or, *Nun.*

28 And their possessions and habitations *were*, Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the *towns thereof; Heb. *daughters.* Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto *Gaza Or, *Adasa.* and the towns thereof; 29 and by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. 31 And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who *is* the father of Birzavith. 32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. 33 And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *are* the children of Japhlet. 34 And the sons of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. 35 And the sons of his brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and

Shelesh, and Amal. [36] The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, [37] Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. [38] And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. [39] And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

[40] All these *were* the children of Asher, heads of *their* father's house, choice *and* mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war *and* to battle *was* twenty and six thousand men.

VIII. Now Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, [2] Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. [3] And the sons of Bela were, *Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, [4] and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, [5] and Gera, and *Shephuphan, and Huram. [6] And these *are* the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to Manahath: [7] and Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud. [8] And Shaharaim begat *children* in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara *were* his wives. [9] And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham, [10] and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These *were* his sons, heads of the fathers. [11] And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal. [12] The sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof; [13] Beriah also, and Shema, who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath: [14] and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, [15] and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, [16] and Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah; [17] and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki,

Or, *Ard.*

Or, *Shupham.*

and Heber, [18] Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal; [19] and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, [20] and Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel, [21] and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of * Shimhi; Or, *Shema.* [22] and Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel, [23] and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, [24] and Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah, [25] and Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak; [26] and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, [27] and Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham. [28] These *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief *men.* These dwelt in Jerusalem.

[29] And at Gibeon dwelt the * father of Gibeon; Called *Jehiel.* whose wife's name *was* Maachah: [30] and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, [31] and Gedor, and Ahio, and * Zacher. [32] And Or, *Zechariah.* Mikloth begat * Shimeah. And these also Or, *Shimeam.* dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against them.

[33] And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and * Eshbaal. [34] And the son of Jonathan *was* Or, *Ish-bosheth.* * Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah. Or, *Mephi-bosheth.* [35] And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and * Tarea, and Ahaz. [36] And Ahaz begat Je- Or, *Tahrea.* hoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza, [37] and Moza begat Binea: Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son: [38] and Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel. [39] And the sons of Eshek his brother *were*, Elam his firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third. [40] And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these *are* of the sons of Benjamin.

IX. So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they *were* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, *who* were carried away to Babylon for their transgression.

[2] Now the first inhabitants that *dwelt* in their possessions in their cities *were*, the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the Nethinims. [3] And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh; [4] Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah. [5] And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons. [6] And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

[7] And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah, [8] and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; [9] and their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men *were* chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

[10] And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, [11] and Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; [12] and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer; [13] and their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; * very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

* Heb. *mighty men of valour.*

[14] And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons

of Merari; [15] and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph; [16] and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites. [17] And the porters *were*, Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum *was* the chief; [18] who hitherto *waited* in the king's gate eastward: they *were* porters in the companies of the children of Levi. [19] And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the *gates of the tabernacle: and their
Heb. thresholds.
fathers, *being* over the host of the LORD, *were* keepers of the entry. [20] And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, *and* the LORD *was* with him. [21] *And* Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah *was* porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[22] All these *which were* chosen to be porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer *did ordain in
Heb. founded.
their *set office. [23] So they and their children
Or, trust.
had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, *namely*, the house of the tabernacle, by wards. [24] In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. [25] And their brethren, *which were* in their villages, *were* to come after seven days from time to time with them. [26] For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in *their* *set office, and were over
Or, trust.
the *chambers and treasuries of the house of
Or, storehouses.
God. [27] And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening

thereof every morning *pertained* to them. [28] And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should *bring them in and out by tale. [29] *Some* of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the *instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. [30] And *some* of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices. [31] And Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites, who *was* the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the *set office over the things that were made *in the pans. [32] And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, *were* over the *shewbread, to prepare *it* every sabbath. [33] And these *are* the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* free: for *they were employed in *that* work day and night. [34] These chief fathers of the Levites *were* chief throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

Heb. bring them in by tale, and carry them out by tale.

Or, vessels.

Or, trust.

Or, on flat plates, or, slices.

Heb. bread of ordering.

Heb. upon them.

[35] And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name *was* Maachah: [36] and his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, [37] and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. [38] And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren. [39] And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal. [40] And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah. [41] And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, *and Ahaz*. [42] And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza; [43] and Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. [44] And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these,

Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Shearíah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these *were* the sons of Azel.

X. Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down * slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and * Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the * archers * hit him, and he was wounded of the archers. 4 Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and * abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together. 7 And when all the men of Israel that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

* Or, *wounded.*

* Or, *Ishui.*

* Heb. *shooters with bows.*

Heb. *found him.*

* Or, *mock me.*

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people. 10 And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11 And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, 12 they arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 So Saul died for his transgression which he *committed against the LORD, *even* against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking *counsel* of *one that had* a familiar spirit, to enquire *of it;* 14 and enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of *Jesse.

Heb. transgressed.

Heb. Isai.

XI. Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh. 2 And moreover *in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt *feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel. 3 Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD *by Samuel.

Heb. both yesterday and the third day.

Or, rule.

Heb. by the hand of.

4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus; where the Jebusites *were*, the inhabitants of the land. 5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which *is* the city of David. 6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be *chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief. 7 And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called *it the city of David. 8 And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab *repaired the rest of the city. 9 So David waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts *was* with him.

Heb. head.

That is, Zion.

Heb. revived.

Heb. went in going and increasing.

10 These also *are* the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who *strengthened themselves

Or, held strongly with him.

with him in his kingdom, *and* with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. [11] And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, *an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain *by him* at one time. [12] And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was one* of the three mighties. [13] He was with David at *Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. [14] And they *set themselves in the midst of *that* parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved *them* by a great *deliverance.

Or, son of Hachmoni.

Or, Ephes-dammim.

Or, stood.

Or, salvation.

[15] Now *three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim. [16] And David *was* then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison *was* then at Beth-lehem. [17] And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, that *is* at the gate! [18] And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David: but David would not drink *of* it, but poured it out to the LORD, [19] and said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men *that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy of* their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest.

Or, three captains over the thirty.

Heb. with their lives.

[20] And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew *them*, and had a name among the

three. [21] Of the three, he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not to the *first* three.

[22] Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, *who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day. [23] And he slew an Egyptian, *a man of *great* stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. [24] These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighties. [25] Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his guard.

[26] Also the valiant men of the armies *were*, Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, [27] *Shammoth the *Harorite, Helez the *Pelonite, [28] Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abi-ezer the Antothite, [29] *Sibbecai the Hushathite, *Ilai the Ahohite, [30] Maharai the Netophathite, *Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, [31] Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, *that pertained* to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, [32] *Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, *Abiel the Arbathite, [33] Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, [34] the sons of *Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, [35] Ahiam the son of *Sacar the Hararite, *Eliphal the son of *Ur, [36] Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, [37] *Hezro the Carmelite, *Naarai the son of Ezbai, [38] Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar *the son of Haggeri, [39] Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite,

Heb. *great of deeds.*

Heb. *a man of measure.*

Or, *Shammah.* Or, *Harodite.*

Or, *Paltite.*

Or, *Mebunnai.*

Or, *Zalmon.*

Or, *Heleb.*

Or, *Hiddai.*

Or, *Abi-albon.*

Or, *Jashen.*

Or, *Sharar.*

Or, *Eliphelet.* Or, *Ahashbai.*

Or, *Hezrai.*

Or, *Paarai the Arbite.*

Or, *the Haggerite.*

the armourbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, [40] Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, [41] Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, [42] Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, [43] Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, [44] Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite, [45] Jediael the *son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, [46] Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, [47] Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

Or, Shimrite.

XII. Now these *are* they that came to David to Ziklag, *while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war. [2] *They were* armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. [3] The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of *Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite, [4] and Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite, [5] Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, [6] Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites, [7] and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

Heb. being yet shut up.

Or, Hasmaah.

[8] And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, *and* men *of war *fit* for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces *were like* the faces of lions, and *were* *as swift as the roes upon the mountains; [9] Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, [10] Mishmannah the fourth,

Heb. of the host.

Heb. as the roes upon the mountains to make haste.

Jeremiah the fifth, [11] Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, [12] Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, [13] Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh. [14] These *were* of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: *one of the least *was* over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. [15] These *are* they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had *overflown all his banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* toward the east, and toward the west.

*Or, one that was least could resist an hundred, and the greatest a thousand.

*Heb. filled over.

[16] And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David. [17] And David went out *to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall *be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies, seeing *there is* no *wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*, and rebuke *it*. [18] Then *the spirit came upon Amasai, *who was* chief of the captains, *and he said*, Thine *are we*, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

*Heb. before them.

*Heb. be one.

*Or, violence.

*Heb. the spirit clothed Amasai.

[19] And there fell *some* of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul *to *the jeopardy of* our heads. [20] As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh. [21] And they helped David *against the band *of the rovers:* for they *were* all mighty men of valour, and were captains

*Heb. on our heads.

*Or, with a band.

in the host. [22] For at *that* time day by day there came to David to help him, until *it was* a great host, like the host of God.

[23] And these *are* the numbers of the *bands *that were* ready armed to the war, *and* came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. [24] The children of Judah that bare shield and spear *were* six thousand and eight hundred, ready *armed to the war. [25] Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. [26] Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. [27] And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven hundred; [28] and Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains. [29] And of the children of Benjamin, the *kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto *the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul. [30] And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, *famous throughout the house of their fathers. [31] And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king. [32] And of the children of Issachar, *which were men* that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them *were* two hundred; and all their brethren *were* at their commandment. [33] Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, *expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could *keep rank: *they were* *not of double heart. [34] And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them, with shield and spear, thirty and seven thousand. [35] And of the Danites, expert in war, twenty and eight thou-

Or, *captains*, or, *men*. Heb. *heads*.

Or, *prepared*.

Heb. *brethren*.

Heb. *a multitude of them*.

Heb. *men of names*.

Or, *rangers of battle*, or, *ranged in battle*.

Or, *set the battle in array*.

Heb. *without a heart and a heart*.

sand and six hundred. [36] And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, *expert in war, forty thousand. Or, *keeping their rank.* [37] And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.

[38] All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel *were* of one heart to make David king. [39] And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them. [40] Moreover they that were nigh them, *even* unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *and* *meat, Or, *victual of meal.* meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for *there was* joy in Israel.

XIII. And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, *and* with every leader. [2] And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If *it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* of the Lord our God, *let us send abroad unto our Heb. *let us break forth* and *send.* brethren every where, *that are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them *also* to the priests and Levites *which are* *in their cities *and* suburbs, that Heb. *in the cities of their suburbs.* they may gather themselves unto us: [3] and let us *bring again the ark of our God to us: for we Heb. *bring about.* enquired not at it in the days of Saul. [4] And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

[5] So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim. [6] And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is*, to Kirjath-

jearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth *between* the cherubims, whose name is called *on it.* 7 And they *carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. 8 And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with *singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

Heb. made the ark to ride.

Heb. songs.

9 And when they came unto the threshingfloor of *Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen *stumbled. 10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. 11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called *Perez-uzza to this day. 12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me? 13 So David *brought not the ark *home* to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

Or, Nachon.

Or, shook it.

That is, The breach of Uzza.

Heb. removed.

14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

XIV. Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house. 2 And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

3 And David took *more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters. 4 Now these *are* the names of *his* children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solo-

Heb. yet.

mon, [5]and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet, [6]and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, [7]and Elishama, and *Beeliada, and Eliphalet. Or, *Eliada.

[8]And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard *of it*, and went out against them. [9]And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. [10]And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand. [11]So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place *Baal-perazim. That is, *a place of breaches.* [12]And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

[13]And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley. [14]Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. [15]And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. [16]David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

[17]And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

XV. And *David* made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and

pitched for it a tent. [2] Then David said, *None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.

* Heb. It is *not to carry the ark of God, but for the Levites.*

[3] And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it. [4] And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites: [5] of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his *brethren an hundred and twenty: [6] of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty: [7] of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty: [8] of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred: [9] of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore: [10] of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

* Or, *kinsmen.*

[11] And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, [12] and said unto them, Ye *are* the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, *both* ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto *the place that* I have prepared for it. [13] For because ye *did it* not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

[14] So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. [15] And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.

[16] And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals,

sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy. [17] So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; [18] and with them their brethren of the second *degree*, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters. [19] So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to sound with cymbals of brass; [20] and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth; [21] and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps *on the Sheminith to excel.

Or, *on the eighth to oversee.*

[22] And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, *was for *song: he instructed about the song, because he *was* skilful. [23] And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* doorkeepers for the ark.

Or, was *for the carriage: he instructed about the carriage.*

Heb. *lifting up.*

[24] And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* doorkeepers for the ark.

[25] So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy. [26] And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams. [27] And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the *song with the singers: David also *had* upon him an ephod

Or, *carriage.*

of linen. [28] Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

[29] And it came to pass, *as* the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

XVI. So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. [2] And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. [3] And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon *of wine*.

[4] And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel: [5] Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel *with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals; [6] Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

* Heb. *with instruments of psalteries and harps.*

[7] Then on that day David delivered first *this psalm* to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

[8] GIVE thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the people. [9] Sing
unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his

wondrous works. [10] Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. [11] Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

[12] Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; [13] O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. [14] He *is* the LORD our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.

[15] Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations; [16] *even of the covenant* which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; [17] and hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant, [18] saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, *the lot of your inheritance; [19] when ye were but *few, even a few, and strangers in it. [20] And *when* they went from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people; [21] he suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes, [22] *saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

Heb. *the cord.*

Heb. *men of number.*

[23] Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. [24] Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. [25] For great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also *is* to be feared above all gods. [26] For all the gods of the people *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens. [27] Glory and honour *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place.

[28] Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. [29] Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an

offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let *men* say among the nations, The LORD reigneth. 32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that *is* therein. 33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, *and* glory in thy praise. 36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever.

And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

37 So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required: 38 and Obed-edom with their brethren, threescore and eight: Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah *to be* porters: 39 and Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that *was* at Gibeon, 40 to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering continually *morning and evening, (Heb. *in the morning, and in the evening.*) and *to do* according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel; 41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for ever; 42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets

and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun *were* *porters. 43 And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

Heb. *for the gate.*

XVII. Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD *remaineth* under curtains. 2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that *is* in thine heart; for God *is* with thee.

3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in: 5 for I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but *have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*. 6 Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars? 7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, *even* *from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel: 8 and I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that *are* in the earth. 9 Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning, 10 and since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies.

Heb. *have been.*

Heb. *from after.*

Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house. [11] And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. [12] He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. [13] I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took *it* from *him* that was before thee: [14] but I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.

[15] According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

[16] And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who *am* I, O LORD God, and what *is* mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? [17] And *yet* this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast *also* spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God. [18] What can David *speak* more to thee for the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. [19] O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all *these* *great things. [20] O LORD, *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. [21] And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem *to be* his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? [22] For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God. [23] Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy

* Heb. *greatnesses.*

servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said. [24] Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and *let* the house of David thy servant *be* established before thee. [25] For thou, O my God, *hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found *in his heart* to pray before thee. [26] And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: [27] now therefore *let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and *it shall be* blessed for ever.

* Heb. *hast revealed the ear of thy servant.*

* Or, *it hath pleased thee.*

XVIII. Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

[2] And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.

[3] And David smote *Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates. [4] And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them an hundred chariots.

* Or, *Hadad-ezer.*

[5] And when the Syrians of *Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. [6] Then David put *garrisons* in Syria-damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, *and* brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. [7] And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. [8] Likewise from *Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of

* Heb. *Darmesek.*

* Or, *Betah, and Berothai.*

Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

9 Now when *Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah; 10 he sent *Hadoram his son to king David, *to enquire of his welfare, and *to congratulate him; because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer *had war with Tou;) and *with him* all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. 11 Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all *these* nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover *Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand. 13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

14 So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people. 15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, *recorder. 16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and *Abimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and *Shavsha was scribe; 17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David *were* chief *about the king.

Or, *Toi.*

Or, *Joram.*

Or, *to salute.* Heb. *to bless.*

Heb. *was the man of wars.*

Heb. *Abshai.*

Or, *remembrancer.*

Or, *Ahimelech.*

Or, *Seraiah.*

Heb. *at the hand of the king.*

XIX. Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. 2 And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So

the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. 3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, *Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? 4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 Then there went *certain*, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves *odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, and out of Zobah. 7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 And when David heard *of it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Joab saw *the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the *choice of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians. 11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of *Abishai his bro-

Heb. *In thine eyes doth David, &c.*

Heb. *to stink.*

Heb. *the face of the battle was.*

Or, *young men.*

Heb. *Abshai.*

ther, and they set *themselves* in array against the children of Ammon. [12] And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee. [13] Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do *that which is* good in his sight.

[14] So Joab and the people that *were* with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him. [15] And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

[16] And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the *river: and *Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before them. [17] And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set *the battle* in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. [18] But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand *men which fought in* chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host. [19] And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

*That is, Euphrates.

*Or, Shobach.

XX. And it came to pass, that *after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out *to battle*, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and

*Heb. at the return of the year.

came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it. 2 And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it *to weigh a talent of (Heb. *the weight of.*) gold, and *there were* precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city. 3 And he brought out the people that *were* in it, and cut *them* with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 And it came to pass after this, that there *arose war at *Gezer with the Philistines; at (Or, *continued.* Heb. *stood.*) which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew *Sippai, *that was* of the children of *the giant: and they (Or, *Saph.* Or, *Rapha.*) were subdued.

5 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of *Jair slew Lahmi the (Or, *Jaare-oregim.*) brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff *was* like a weaver's beam.

6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where was *a man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes (Heb. *a man of measure.*) *were* four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot:* and he also was *the son of the (Heb. *born to the giant,* or, *Rapha.*) giant. 7 But when he *defied Israel, Jona- (Or, *reproached.*) than the son of *Shimea David's brother (Or, *Shammah.*) slew him. 8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

XXI. And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. 2 And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it.* 3 And Joab answered, The Lord make his people an hundred

times so many more as they *be:* but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel? 4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. 5 And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they of* Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. 6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7 *And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. 8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

Heb. *And it was evil in the eyes of God concerning this thing.*

9 And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying, 10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I *offer thee three *things:* choose thee one of them, that I may do *it* unto thee. 11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Choose thee 12 either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh *thee;* or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me. 13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very *great *are* his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

Heb. *stretch out.*

Heb. *Take to thee.*

Or, *many.*

14 So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. 15 And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of * Ornan the Jebusite. 16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. 17 And David said unto God, *Is it* not I *that* commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

Or, *Araunah.*

18 Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD. 20 * And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with *his* face to the ground. 22 Then David said to Ornan, * Grant me the place of *this* threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people. 23 And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my

Or, *When Ornan turned back and saw the angel,* then he *and his four sons with him hid themselves.*

Heb. *Give.*

lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all. [24] And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that* which *is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost. [25] So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. [26] And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. [27] And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

[28] At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. [29] For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, *were* at that season in the high place at Gibeon. [30] But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD. XXII. Then David said, This *is* the house of the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.

[2] And David commanded to gather together the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. [3] And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight; [4] also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David. [5] And David said, Solomon my son *is* young and tender, and the house *that is* to be builded for the LORD *must be*

exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel. 7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God: 8 but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. 9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be *Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. 10 He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I *will be* his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. 11 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee. 12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God. 13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

*That is, *peaceable.*

14 Now, behold, *in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. 15 Moreover *there are*

*Or, *in my poverty.*

workmen with thee in abundance, *hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. [16] Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, *there is* no number. Arise *therefore*, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

*That is, *masons and carpenters.*

[17] David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*, [18] *Is* not the LORD your God with you? and hath he *not* given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people. [19] Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God: arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

XXIII. So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

[2] And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. [3] Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand. [4] Of which twenty and four thousand *were* *to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand *were* officers and judges: [5] moreover four thousand *were* porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, *said David*, to praise *therewith*.

*Or, *to oversee.*

[6] And David divided them into *courses among the sons of Levi, *namely*, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

*Heb. *divisions.*

[7] Of the Gershonites *were* *Laadan and Shimei. [8] The sons of Laadan; the chief *was* Jehiel, and Zetham,

*Or, *Libni.*

and Joel, three. [9] The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These *were* the chief of the fathers of Laadan. [10] And the sons of Shimei *were* Jahath, *Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four *were* the sons of Shimei. [11] And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah *had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to *their* father's house.

*Or, Zizah.

*Heb. did not multiply sons.

[12] The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. [13] The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever. [14] Now *concerning* Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi. [15] The sons of Moses *were* Gershom and Eliezer. [16] Of the sons of Gershom Shebuel *was* the chief. [17] And the sons of Eliezer *were* Rehabiah *the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah *were very many. [18] Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief. [19] Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. [20] Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second.

*Or, the first.

*Heb. were highly multiplied.

[21] The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish. [22] And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their *brethren the sons of Kish took them. [23] The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

*Or, kinsmen.

[24] These *were* the sons of Levi, after the house of their fathers; *even* the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward. [25] For

David said, The LORD God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, *that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever: [26] and also unto the Levites; they shall no *more* carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof. [27] For by the last words of David the Levites *were* *numbered from twenty years old and above: [28] because *their office *was* to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God; [29] both for the shewbread, and for the fine flour for meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for *that which is baked in* the *pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size; [30] and to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even; [31] and to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD: [32] and that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy *place*, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

Or, *and he dwelleth in Jerusalem, &c.*

Heb. *numbers.*

Heb. *their station was at the hand of the sons of Aaron.*

Or, *flat plate.*

XXIV. Now *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. [2] But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office. [3] And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.

[4] And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar *there were*

sixteen chief men of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers. 5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors *of the house* of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one *principal household Heb. *house of the father.* being taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, 8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, 9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, 10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, 11 the ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah, 12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, 13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, 14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, 15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses, 16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel, 17 the one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul, 18 the three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

19 These *were* the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 And the rest of the sons of Levi *were these:* Of the sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah. 21 Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah. 22 Of the Izharites; Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath. 23 And the sons *of Hebron;* Jeriah *the first*, Amariah the

second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. [24] *Of* the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir. [25] The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah. [26] The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah; Beno. [27] The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. [28] Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, who had no sons. [29] Concerning Kish: the son of Kish *was* Jerahmeel. [30] The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers. [31] These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

XXV. Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was: [2] Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied *accord- Heb. *by the hands of the king.*
ing to the order of the king. [3] Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and *Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Or, *Izri.*
Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks, and to praise the LORD. [4] Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, *Uzziel, Or, *Azareel.*
*Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Or, *Shubael.*
Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth: [5] all these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the *words Or, *matters.*
of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman

fourteen sons and three daughters. [6] All these *were* under the hands of their father for song *in* the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, *according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. [7] So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, *even* all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight.

*Heb. by the hands of the king.

[8] And they cast lots, ward against *ward*, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar. [9] Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons *were* twelve: [10] the third to Zaccur, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [11] the fourth to Izri, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [12] the fifth to Nethaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [13] the sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [14] the seventh to Jesharelah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [15] the eighth to Jeshaiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [16] the ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [17] the tenth to Shimei, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [18] the eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [19] the twelfth to Hashabiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [20] the thirteenth to Shubael, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [21] the fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [22] the fifteenth to Jeremoth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [23] the sixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [24] the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [25] the eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [26] the nine-

teenth to Mallothi, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [27] the twentieth to Eliathah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [28] the one and twentieth to Hothir, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [29] the two and twentieth to Giddalti, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [30] the three and twentieth to Mahazioth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: [31] the four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve.

XXVI. Concerning the divisions of the porters; Of the Korhites *was* *Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of *Asaph. [2] And the sons of Meshelemiah *were* Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, [3] Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh. [4] Moreover the sons of Obed-edom *were*, Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, [5] Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed him. [6] Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they *were* mighty men of valour. [7] The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren *were* strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah. [8] All these of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, *were* threescore and two of Obed-edom. [9] And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen. [10] Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for *though* he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;) [11] Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen.

[12] Among these *were* the divisions of the porters,

* Or, *Shelemiah.*
* Or, *Ebiasaph.*

even among the chief men, *having* wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD. [13] And they cast lots, *as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. [14] And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counseller, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. [15] To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the house of *Asuppim. [16] To Shuppim and Hosah *the lot came forth* westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward. [17] Eastward *were* six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two *and* two. [18] At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, *and* two at Parbar. [19] These *are* the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

[20] And of the Levites, Ahijah *was* over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the *dedicated things. [21] *As concerning* the sons of *Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, *even* of Laadan the Gershonite, *were* Jehieli. [22] The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, *which were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD. [23] Of the Amramites, *and* the Izharites, the Hebronites, *and* the Uzzielites: [24] and Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures. [25] And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. [26] Which Shelomith and his brethren *were* over all the treasures of the dedicated things which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. [27] *Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate

Or, *as well for the small as for the great.*

Heb. *gatherings.*

Heb. *holy things.*

Or, *Libni.*

Heb. *Out of the battles and spoils.*

to maintain the house of the LORD. [28] And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; *and* whosoever had dedicated *any thing*, *it was* under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

[29] Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. [30] *And* of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, *were* *officers among them of Israel on (Heb. *over the charge.*) this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. [31] Among the Hebronites *was* Jerijah the chief, *even* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead. [32] And his brethren, men of valour, *were* two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and *affairs (Heb. *thing.*) of the king.

XXVII. Now the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course *were* twenty and four thousand.

[2] Over the first course for the first month *was* Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [3] Of the children of Perez *was* the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. [4] And over the course of the second month

was *Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course *was* Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise *were* twenty and four thousand. [5] The third captain of the host for the third month *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a *chief priest: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [6] This *is that* Benaiah, *who was* mighty *among* the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course *was* Ammizabad his son. [7] The fourth *captain* for the fourth month *was* Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [8] The fifth captain for the fifth month *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [9] The sixth *captain* for the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [10] The seventh *captain* for the seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [11] The eighth *captain* for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [12] The ninth *captain* for the ninth month *was* Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [13] The tenth *captain* for the tenth month *was* Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [14] The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. [15] The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month *was* *Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

Or, *Dodo.*

Or, *principal officer.*

Or, *Heled.*

[16] Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri: of

the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah: [17] of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok: [18] of Judah, Elihu, *one* of the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: [19] of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel: [20] of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah: [21] of the half *tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: [22] of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These *were* the princes of the tribes of Israel.

[23] But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens. [24] Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither *was the number put Heb. *ascended.* in the account of the chronicles of king David.

[25] And over the king's treasures *was* Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, *was* Jehonathan the son of Uzziah: [26] and over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground *was* Ezri the son of Chelub: [27] and over the vineyards *was* Shimei the Ramathite: *over the increase Heb. *over that which was of the vineyards.* of the vineyards for the wine cellars *was* Zabdi the Shiphmite: [28] and over the olive trees and the sycomore trees that *were* in the low plains *was* Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil *was* Joash: [29] and over the herds that fed in Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds *that were* in the valleys *was* Shaphat the son of Adlai: [30] over the camels also *was* Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses *was* Jehdeiah the Meronothite: [31] and over the flocks *was*

Jaziz the Hagerite. All these *were* the rulers of the substance which *was* king David's.

32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counseller, a wise man, and a *scribe: and Jehiel the *son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's sons: 33 and Ahithophel was the king's counseller: and Hushai the Archite *was* the king's companion: 34 and after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the king's army *was* Joab.

*Or, secretary.
*Or, Hachmonite.

XXVIII. And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and *possession of the king, *and of his sons, with the *officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

*Or, cattle.
*Or, and his sons.
*Or, eunuchs.

2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me*, I *had* in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: 3 but God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed *blood. 4 Howbeit the Lord God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah *to be* the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make *me* king over all Israel: 5 and of all my sons, (for the Lord hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. 6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy son he shall build my house and my courts: for I have

*Heb. bloods.

chosen him *to be* my son, and I will be his father.
7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he
be * constant to do my commandments and my Heb. *strong.*
judgments, as at this day. 8 Now therefore in the
sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and
in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the
commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may
possess this good land, and leave *it* for an inheritance
for your children after you for ever.

9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God
of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart
and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all
hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the
thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee;
but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.
10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to
build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do *it.*

11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern
of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the
treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof,
and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of
the mercy seat, 12 and the pattern * of all that Heb. *of all that was with him.*
he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the
LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the trea-
suries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the
dedicated things: 13 also for the courses of the priests
and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of
the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service
in the house of the LORD. 14 *He gave* of gold by weight
for *things* of gold, for all instruments of all manner
of service; *silver also* for all instruments of silver by
weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:
15 even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for
their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick,
and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks

of silver by weight, *both* for the candlestick, and *also* for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick. [16] And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and *likewise* silver for the tables of silver: [17] also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons *he gave gold* by weight for every bason; and *likewise silver* by weight for every bason of silver: [18] and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD. [19] All *this*, *said David*, the LORD made me understand in writing by *his* hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.

[20] And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it:* fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. [21] And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, *even they shall be with thee* for all the service of the house of God: and *there shall be* with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment.

XXIX. Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet* young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God. [2] Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things to be made* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; onyx stones, and

stones to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, 4 *even* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses *withal:* 5 the gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing *to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

Heb. *to fill his hand.*

6 Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, 7 and gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. 8 And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave *them* to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed *be* thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. 11 Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine;* thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should *be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and *of thine own have we given thee. 15 For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* none *abiding. 16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own. 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are *present here, to offer willingly unto thee. 18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and *prepare their heart unto thee: 19 and give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, *for* the which I have made provision.

* Heb. *retain*, or, *obtain strength.*
* Heb. *of thine haud.*
* Heb. *expectation.*
* Heb. *found.*
* Or, *stablish.*

20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king. 21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and

sacrifices in abundance for all Israel: [22] and did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness.

And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* unto the LORD *to be* the chief governor, and Zadok *to be* priest. [23] Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. [24] And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, *submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. *Heb. gave the hand under Solomon.* [25] And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

[26] Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. [27] And the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three *years* reigned he in Jerusalem. [28] And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

[29] Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the *book of Samuel Or, history. Heb. words. the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, [30] with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

II. CHRONICLES.

I. And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God *was* with him, and magnified him exceedingly. [2] Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. [3] So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that *was* at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness. [4] But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to *the place which* David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. [5] Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, *he put before the tabernacle of the Lord: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it. [6] And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the Lord, which *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

* Or, was *there.*

[7] In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. [8] And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy

unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. [9] Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people *like the dust of the earth in multitude. [10] Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, *that is so* great?

*Heb. much as the dust of the earth.

[11] And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: [12] wisdom and knowledge *is* granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that *have been* before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

[13] Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that *was* at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

[14] And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

[15] And the king *made silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that *are* in the vale for abundance. [16] And *Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. [17] And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, *by their means.

*Heb. gave.

*Heb. the going forth of the horses which was Solomon's.

*Heb. by their hand.

II. And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the Lord, and an house for his kingdom.
2 And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.
3 And Solomon sent to *Huram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me.* 4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate *it* to him, *and* to burn before him *sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel. 5 And the house which I build *is* great: for great *is* our God above all gods. 6 But who *is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him? 7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill *to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide. 8 Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and *algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants *shall be* with thy servants, 9 even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build *shall be* *wonderful great. 10 And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand

Or, *Hiram.*
Heb. *incense of spices.*
Heb. *hath retained,* or, *obtained strength.*
Heb. *to grave gravings.*
Or, *almuggim.*
Heb. *great and wonderful.*

measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11 Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.
12 Huram said moreover, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, *endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.
13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Huram my father's,
14 the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.
15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants:
16 and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, *as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in flotes by sea to *Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.
17 And Solomon numbered all *the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.
18 And he set threescore and ten thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand *to be* hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

Heb. *knowing prudence and understanding.*

Heb. *according to all thy need.*

Heb. *Japho.*

Heb. *the men the strangers.*

III. Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, *where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of *Ornan the Jebusite. 2And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

where Or, *which was seen of David his father.*

Ornan Or, *Araunah.*

3 Now these *are the things wherein* Solomon was *instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. 4And the porch that *was* in the front *of the house*, the length *of it was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was* an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 5And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains. 6And he *garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim. 7He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.

instructed Heb. *founded.*

garnished Heb. *covered.*

8And he made the most holy house, the length whereof *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents. 9And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10And in the most holy house he made two cherubims *of image work, and overlaid them with gold. 11And the wings of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits long: one wing *of the one cherub was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the

of Or, *of moveable work.*

other wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. [12] And *one* wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was* five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub. [13] The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* *inward. [14] And he made the vail *of* blue, (Or, *toward the house.*) and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and *wrought cherubims thereon. (Heb. *caused to ascend.*)

[15] Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits *high, and the chapiter (Heb. *long.*) that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits. [16] And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains. [17] And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand *Jachin, and (That is, *He shall establish.*) the name of that on the left *Boaz. (That is, *In it* is *strength.*)

IV. Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

[2] Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits *from brim to brim, round in compass, and five (Heb. *from his brim to his brim.*) cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. [3] And under it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen *were* cast, when it was cast. [4] It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward. [5] And the thickness of it *was*

an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, *with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thousand baths. Or, *like a lilyflower.*

6 He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: *such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in. Heb. *the work of burnt offering.*

7 And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred *basons of gold. Or, *bowls.*

9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass. 10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

11 And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the *basons. And Huram *finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God; 12 *to wit*, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapiters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* on the top of the pillars; 13 and four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* *upon the pillars. 14 He made also bases, and *lavers made he upon the bases; 15 one sea, and twelve oxen under it. 16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Huram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of *bright brass. 17 In Or, *bowls.* Heb. *finished to make.* Heb. *upon the face.* Or, *caldrons.* Heb. *made bright,* or, *scoured.*

the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the * clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah. Heb. *thicknesses of the ground.*

[18] Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out. [19] And Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shewbread *was set;* [20] moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold; [21] and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, *made he of* gold, *and* that *perfect gold; [22] and the snuffers, and the *basons, and the spoons, and the censers, *of* pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy *place*, and the doors of the house of the temple, *were of* gold.

Heb. *perfections of gold.*

Or, *bowls.*

V. Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

[2] THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

[3] Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which *was* in the seventh month. [4] And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. [5] And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up. [6] Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims: 8 for the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 9 And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And *there it is unto this day. (Or, *they are there.*) 10 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put *therein* at Horeb, *when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. (Or, *where.*)

11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place:* (for all the priests *that were* *present were sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait by course: 12 also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) 13 it came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD; 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God. (Heb. *found.*)

VI. Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for

thy dwelling for ever. [3] And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood.

[4] And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled *that* which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying, [5] Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel: [6] but I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel. [7] Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. [8] But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for thy name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart: [9] notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. [10] The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. [11] And in it have I put the ark, wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Israel.

[12] And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands: [13] for Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits *long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven, [14] and said,

* Heb. *the length thereof, &c.*

O LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts: [15] thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day. [16] Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, * There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me. [17] Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

Heb. *There shall not a man be cut off.*

[18] But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! [19] Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: [20] that thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth * toward this place. [21] Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall * make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, *even* from heaven, and when thou hearest, forgive.

Or, *in this place.*

Heb. *pray.*

[22] If a man sin against his neighbour, * and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; [23] then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants,

Heb. *and he require an oath of him.*

by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 And if thy people Israel *be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee *in this house; 25 then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

26 When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; *yet* if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; 27 then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

28 If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers; if their enemies besiege them *in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness *there be:* 29 *then* what prayer *or* what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands *in this house: 30 then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:) 31 that they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, *so long as they live *in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

Or, be smitten.

Or, toward.

Heb. in the land of their gates.

Or, toward this house.

Heb. all the days which.

Heb. upon the face of the land.

32 Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house; 33 then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel, and may know that * this house which I have built is called by thy name. * Heb. *thy name is called upon this house.*

34 If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; 35 then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their * cause. * Or, *right.*

36 If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before *their* enemies, and * they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near; * Heb. *they that take them captives carry them away.*

37 yet *if* they * bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly; * Heb. *bring back to their heart.*

38 if they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and *toward* the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: 39 then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their * cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee. * Or, *right.*

40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be

open, and *let* thine ears *be* attent *unto the prayer *that is made* in this place. [41] Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. [42] O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.

Heb. to the prayer of this place.

VII. Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. [2] And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. [3] And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[4] Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. [5] And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. [6] And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for ever, when David praised *by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood. [7] Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to

Heb. by their hand.

receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

8 Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt. 9 And in the eighth day they made a *solemn assembly: for they kept the dedi- Heb. *restraint.* cation of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. 13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 if my people, *which are called by my name, shall hum- Heb. *upon whom my name is called.* ble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent *unto the prayer *that is made* in this place. Heb. *to the prayer of this place.* 16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes

and my judgments; [18] then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, *There shall not fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel.

* Heb. *There shall not be cut off to thee.*

[19] But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; [20] then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a byword among all nations. [21] And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house? [22] And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

VIII. AND it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house, [2] that the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

[3] And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. [4] And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. [5] Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars; [6] and Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and *all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

* Heb. *all the desire of Solomon which he desired to build.*

7 *As for* all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which *were* not of Israel, 8 *but* of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day. 9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

10 And these *were* the chief of king Solomon's officers, *even* two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places are* *holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

Heb. *holiness.*

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch, 13 even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles. 14 And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for *so had David the man of God commanded.

Heb. *so was the commandment of David the man of God.*

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any

matter, or concerning the treasures. [16] Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. *So* the house of the LORD was perfected.

[17] Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to *Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom. [18] And Huram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

*Or, Elath.

IX. And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. [2] And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

[3] And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, [4] and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his *cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. [5] And she said to the king, *It was* a true *report which I heard in mine own land of thine *acts, and of thy wisdom: [6] howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it:* and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: *for* thou exceedest the fame that I heard. [7] Happy *are* thy men, and happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.

*Or, butlers.

*Heb. word.

*Or, sayings.

[8] Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be* king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice. [9] And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

[10] And the servants also of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum trees and precious stones. [11] And the king made *of* the algum trees *terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.

*Or, *stays.* Heb. *highways.*

[12] And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

[13] Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold; [14] beside *that which* chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and *governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

*Or, *captains.*

[15] And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target. [16] And three hundred shields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

[17] Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. [18] And *there were* six

steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and *stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays: [19] and twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom. [20] And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* *pure gold: *none *were of* silver; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon. [21] For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, *ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

Heb. *hands.*

Heb. *shut up.* Or, there was *no silver* in them.

Or, *elephants' teeth.*

[22] And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. [23] And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart. [24] And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

[25] And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen: whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

[26] And he reigned over all the kings from the *river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. [27] And the king *made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance. [28] And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

That is, *Euphrates.*

Heb. *gave.*

[29] Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they not written in the *book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah

Heb. *words.*

the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat? [30]And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. [31]And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

X. And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.

[2]And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. [3]And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying, [4]Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee. [5]And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

[6]And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye *me* to return answer to this people? [7]And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

[8]But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him. [9]And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? [10]And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee,

saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. [11] For whereas my father *put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

* Heb. *laded.*

[12] So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day. [13] And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, [14] and answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

[15] So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

[16] And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and *we have* none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents. [17] But *as for* the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

[18] Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that *was* over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam *made speed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. [19] And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

* Heb. *strengthened himself.*

XI. And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an

hundred and fourscore thousand chosen *men*, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. 2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 3 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah. 6 He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, 7 and Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam, 8 and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, 9 and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, 10 and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities. 11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine. 12 And in every several city *he put* shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

13 And the priests and the Levites that *were* in all Israel * resorted to him out of all their coasts. 14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD: 15 and he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made. 16 And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers. 17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for

* Heb. *presented themselves to him.*

three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

18 And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; 19 which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. 20 And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. 21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.) 22 And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be* ruler among his brethren: for *he thought* to make him king. 23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired *many wives.

*Heb. *a multitude of wives.*

XII. And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.

2 And it came to pass, *that* in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the LORD, 3 with twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians. 4 And he took the fenced cities which *pertained* to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and *to* the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said

unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.
6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD *is* righteous.
7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them *some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. 8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

* Or, *a little while.*

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 10 Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house. 11 And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.
12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy *him* altogether: *and also in Judah things went well.

* Or, *and yet in Judah there were good things.*

13 So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam *was* one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. 14 And he did evil, because he *prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

* Heb. *fixed.*

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, *are* they
not written in the *book of Shemaiah the pro- Heb. *words.*
phet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies?
And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam
continually. 16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers,
and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his
son reigned in his stead.

XIII. Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam
began Abijah to reign over Judah. 2 He reigned three
years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was*
Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah.

And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.
3 And Abijah *set the battle in array with an Heb. *bound together.*
army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thou-
sand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in
array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen
men, *being* mighty men of valour.

4 And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which
is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jero-
boam, and all Israel; 5 Ought ye not to know that the
LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to
David for ever, *even* to him and to his sons by a cove-
nant of salt? 6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the
servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and
hath rebelled against his lord. 7 And there are gathered
unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have
strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son
of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender-
hearted, and could not withstand them. 8 And now ye
think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the
hand of the sons of David; and ye *be* a great multi-
tude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which
Jeroboam made you for gods. 9 Have ye not cast out
the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the
Levites, and have made you priests after the manner

of the nations of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh *to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them that are* no gods. [10] But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business: [11] and they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also *set they in order* upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him. [12] And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

[13] But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them; so they were before Judah, and the ambushment *was* behind them. [14] And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. [15] Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. [16] And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand. [17] And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

[18] Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers. [19] And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah

Heb. to fill his hand.

with the towns thereof, and Ephrain with the towns thereof. [20] Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died. [21] But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

[22] And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the *story of the prophet Iddo.

*Or, commentary.

XIV. So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days-the land was quiet ten years.

[2] And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God: [3] for he took away the altars of the strange *gods*, and the high places, and brake down the *images, and cut down the groves: [4] and commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. [5] Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the *images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

*Heb. statues.

*Heb. sun images.

[6] And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest. [7] Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. [8] And Asa had an army *of men* that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour.

9 And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. 10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not *man prevail against thee. 12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 13 And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were *destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil. 14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them. 15 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

* Or, *mortal man.*

* Heb. *broken.*

XV. And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: 2 and he went out *to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. 4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 5 And in those times *there was* no peace to

* Heb. *before Asa.*

him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries. 6 And nation was *destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity. 7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

*Heb. *beaten in pieces.*

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the *abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that *was* before the porch of the LORD. 9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God *was* with him. 10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11 And they offered unto the LORD *the same time, of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. 12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; 13 that whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14 And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. 15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

*Heb. *abominations.*

*Heb. *in that day.*

16 And also *concerning* Maachah the *mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen,

*That is, *grandmother.*

because she had made an *idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped *it*, and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron. [17] But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. [18] And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. [19] And there was no *more* war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

*Heb. horror.

XVI. In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

[2] Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at *Damascus, saying, [3] *There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. [4] And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of *his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

*Heb. Darmesek.

*Heb. which were his.

[5] And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it*, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease. [6] Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

[7] And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the

LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. [8] Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims *a huge host, Heb. *in abundance.* with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. [9] For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, *to shew Or, *strongly to hold with* them, *&c.* himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

[10] Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing.* And Asa *oppressed Heb. *crushed.* *some* of the people the same time.

[11] And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

[12] And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding *great:* yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. [13] And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. [14] And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had *made for himself in the Heb. *digged.* city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

XVII. AND Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. [2] And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. [3] And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways *of his father David, and sought Or, *of his father, and of David.*

not unto Baalim; [4] but sought to the *LORD* God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. [5] Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah *brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance. [6] And his heart *was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

Heb. *gave.*

That is, *was encouraged.*

[7] Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. [8] And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests. [9] And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

[10] And the fear of the LORD *fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

Heb. *was.*

[11] Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats. [12] And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah *castles, and cities of store.

Or, *palaces.*

[13] And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.

[14] And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the chief, and with him mighty

men of valour three hundred thousand. 15 And *next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand. 16 And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour. 17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand. 18 And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war. 19 These waited on the king, beside *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

XVIII. Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab. 2 And *after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead. 3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.

4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day. 5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.

6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD *besides, that we might enquire of him? 7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, by whom we may enquire of

Heb. *at his hand.*

Heb. *at the end of years.*

Heb. *yet,* or *more.*

the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. [8] And the king of Israel called for one *of his* *officers, and said, *Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. (Or, *eunuchs.* Heb. *Hasten.*)

[9] And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a *void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria: and all the prophets prophesied before them. (Or, *floor.*) [10] And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until *they be consumed. [11] And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. (Heb. thou *consume them.*)

[12] And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king *with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of their's, and speak thou good. (Heb. *with one mouth.*) [13] And Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

[14] And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand. [15] And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

[16] Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return *therefore* every man to his house in peace. [17] And the

king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee *that* he would not prophesy good unto me, *but evil? [Or, *but for evil.*]

[18] Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and *on* his left. [19] And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. [20] Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? [21] And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the LORD* said, Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do *even* so. [22] Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

[23] Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee? [24] And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go *into *an inner chamber to hide thyself. [Or, *from chamber to chamber.* Heb. *a chamber in a chamber.*]

[25] Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; [26] and say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace. [27] And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

[28] So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. [29] And the king of

Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle. 30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel. 31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It *is* the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them *to depart* from him. 32 For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again *from pursuing him. *Heb. *from after him.*

33 And a *certain* man drew a bow *at a venture, and smote the king of Israel *between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am *wounded. 34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

*Heb. *in his simplicity.* *Heb. *between the joints and between the breastplate.* *Heb. *made sick.*

XIX. And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. 2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the LORD. 3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and *he went out again through the people from

*Heb. *he returned and went out.*

Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city, 6 and said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who *is* with you *in the judgment. (Heb. *in the matter of judgment.*) 7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do *it:* for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and *of* the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. 9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. 10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and *so* wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass. 11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites *shall be* officers before you. *Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good. (Heb. *Take courage and do.*)

XX. It came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. 2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they *be* in Hazazon-tamar, which *is* En-gedi.

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set *himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

*Heb. his face.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, 6 and said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? 7 *Art* not thou our God, *who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? 8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, 9 If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name *is* in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. 10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; 11 behold, *I say*, *how* they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. 12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.

*Heb. thou.

13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a

Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation; [15] and he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's. [16] To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the *cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the *brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. [17] Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle:* set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you. [18] And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. [19] And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

Heb. *ascent.*

Or, *valley.*

[20] And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. [21] And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and *that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Heb. *praisers.*

[22] *And when they began *to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and *they were

Heb. *And in the time that they, &c.*

Heb. *in singing and praise.*

Or, *they smote one another.*

smitten. 23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them:* and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped *to destroy another. Heb. *for the destruction.*

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and *none escaped. 25 And when Jehosha- Heb. there was *not an escaping.*
phat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much. 26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of *Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: That is, *blessing.* therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the *forefront Heb. *head.* of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. 28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD. 29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel. 30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

31 And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: *he was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and

departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD. [33] Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

[34] Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the *book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

*Heb. words.

*Heb. was made to ascend.

[35] And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly: [36] and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-gaber. [37] Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

XXI. Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David.

And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead. [2] And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. [3] And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he *was* the firstborn. [4] Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *divers* also of the princes of Israel.

[5] Jehoram *was* thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. [6] And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the

daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD. 7 Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a *light to him and to his sons for ever.

Heb. *lamp*, or, *candle*.

8 In his days the Edomites revolted from under the *dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king. 9 Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots. 10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

Heb. *hand*.

11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *thereto*. 12 And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, 13 but hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, *which were* better than thyself: 14 behold, with *a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods: 15 and thou *shalt have* great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

Heb. *a great stroke*.

16 Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that

were near the Ethiopians: [17] and they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and *carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save *Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. [18] And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. [19] And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. [20] Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed *without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

Heb. carried captive.

Or, *Ahaziah.*

Heb. without desire.

XXII. AND the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. [2] Forty and two years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Athaliah the daughter of Omri. [3] He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. [4] Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction. [5] He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram. [6] And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds *which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.

Heb. wherewith they wounded him.

And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. 7 And the *destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. 8 And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them. 9 And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he *is* the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart.

* Heb. *treading down.*

So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom. 10 But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah. 11 But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed chamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. 12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

XXIII. AND in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jehoram, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. 2 And they went about in

Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. [3] And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David. [4] This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, *shall be* porters of the *doors; *Heb. thresholds.* [5] and a third part *shall be* at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the LORD. [6] But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they *are* holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD. [7] And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever *else* cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

[8] So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go *out* on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses. [9] Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that *had been* king David's, which *were* in the house of God. [10] And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right *side *Heb. shoulder.* of the *temple to the left side of the temple, *Heb. house.* along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about. [11] Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and *gave him* the testimony,

and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, *God save the king. Heb. *Let the king live.*

12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD: 13 and she looked, and behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, *Treason, Treason. Heb. *Conspiracy.* 14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD. 15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD's people. 17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as *it is* written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, *as it was ordained* *by David. Heb. *by the hands of David.* 19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none *which was* unclean in any thing should enter in. 20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the

people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. [21]And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

XXIV. JOASH *was* seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba. [2]And Joash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. [3]And Jehoiada took for him two wives: and he begat sons and daughters.

[4]And it came to pass after this, *that* Joash was minded *to repair the house of the LORD. Heb. *to renew.* [5]And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened *it* not.

[6]And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, *according to the commandment* of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness? [7]For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim. [8]And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD. [9]And they made *a proclamation through Heb. *a voice.* Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness. [10]And all the princes and all

the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

[11] Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was* much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. [12] And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD. [13] So the workmen wrought, and *the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it. [14] And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, *even* vessels to minister, and *to offer *withal*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

*Heb. *the healing went up upon the work.*

*Or, *pestles.*

[15] But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died. [16] And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

[17] Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. [18] And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass. [19] Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD: and

they testified against them, but they would not give ear.

20 And the Spirit of God *came upon Ze- Heb. *clothed.*
chariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. 21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD. 22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon *it*, and require *it*.

23 And it came to pass *at the end of the Heb. *in the revolution of the year.*
year, *that* the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of *Damascus. 24 For the army of the Syrians came with a Heb. *Darmesek.*
small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings. 26 And these are they that conspired against him; *Zabad the Or, *Jozachar.*
son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of *Shimrith a Moabitess. 27 Now *concern-* Or, *Shomer.*
ing his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and the *repairing of the house of Heb. *founding.*

God, behold, they *are* written in the *story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

*Or, commentary.

XXV. Amaziah *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. [2] And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart. [3] Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was *established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father. [4] But he slew not their children, but *did* as *it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

*Heb. confirmed upon him.

[5] Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men*, *able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. [6] He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver.

[7] But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee: for the Lord *is* not with Israel, *to wit*, *with* all the children of Ephraim. [8] But if thou wilt go, do *it*, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down. [9] And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the *army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The Lord is able to give thee much more than this.

*Heb. band.

10 Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go *home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home *in great anger.

Heb. *to their place.*

Heb. *in heat of anger.*

11 And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. 12 And *other* ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

13 But *the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

Heb. *the sons of the band.*

14 Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. 15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand? 16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbare, and said, I know that God hath *determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

Heb. *counselled.*

17 Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in

the face. [18]And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The *thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. [19] Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee? [20] But Amaziah would not hear; for it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand *of their enemies*, because they sought after the gods of Edom. [21] So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah. [22]And Judah was *put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent. [23]And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to *the corner gate, four hundred cubits. [24]And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

[25]And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. [26] Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? [27] Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away *from following the LORD they *made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but

* Or, *furze bush*, or, *thorn.*
* Heb. *a beast of the field.*
* Heb. *smitten.*
* Heb. *the gate of it that looketh.*
* Heb. *from after.*
* Heb. *conspired a conspiracy.*

they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.
28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him
with his fathers in the city of *Judah. *That is, the city of David.*

XXVI. THEN all the people of Judah took *Uzziah,
who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king *Or, Azariah.*
in the room of his father Amaziah. 2 He built Eloth,
and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept
with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to
reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jeru-
salem. His mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jeru-
salem. 4 And he did *that which was* right in the sight
of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah
did. 5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah,
who had understanding *in the visions of *Heb. in the seeing of God.*
God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made
him to prosper. 6 And he went forth and warred against
the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and
the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built
cities *about Ashdod, and among the Philis- *Or, in the country of Ashdod.*
tines. 7 And God helped him against the Philistines,
and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and
the Mehunims. 8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to
Uzziah: and his name *spread abroad *even* to *Heb. went.*
the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened *himself*
exceedingly.

9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the
corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning
of the wall, and *fortified them. 10 Also he built *Or, repaired.*
towers in the desert, and *digged many *Or, cut out many cisterns.*
wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low
country, and in the plains: husbandmen *also*, and vine
dressers in the mountains, and in *Carmel: *Or, fruitful fields.*
for he loved *husbandry. *Heb. ground.*

11 Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that

went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jehiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's captains. 12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thousand and six hundred. 13 And under their hand *was* *an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and *slings *to cast* stones. 15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name *spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

Heb. *the power of an army.*

Heb. *stones of slings.*

Heb. *went forth.*

16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to *his* destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, *that were* valiant men; 18 and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, *It appertaineth* not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed: neither *shall it be* for thine honour from the LORD God.

19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. 20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and,

behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him. [21] And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a *several house, *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

Heb. free.

[22] Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write. [23] So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, He *is* a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

XXVII. JOTHAM *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. [2] And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did; howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly. [3] He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of *Ophel he built much.

Or, the tower.

[4] Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. [5] He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. *So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third. [6] So Jotham became mighty, because he *prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

Heb. This.

Or, established.

[7] Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his

wars, and his ways, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. 9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

XXVIII. Ahaz *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, like David his father: 2 for he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. 3 Moreover he *burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. 4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

Or, offered sacrifice.

5 Wherefore the Lord his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to *Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. 6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, *which were* all *valiant men; because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers. 7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah *that was* *next to the king. 8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

Heb. Darmesek.

Heb. sons of valour.

Heb. the second to the king.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name *was* Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage *that* reacheth up unto heaven. 10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: *but are there* not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God? 11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD *is* upon you. 12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war, 13 and said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD *already*, ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel. 14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation. 15 And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat, and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

16 At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him. 17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away *captives. 18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities

Heb. a captivity.

of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there. [19] For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD. [20] And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. [21] For Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the house of the LORD, and *out* of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

[22] And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this *is that* king Ahaz. [23] For he sacrificed unto the gods of * Damascus, Heb. *Darmesek.* which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. [24] And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. [25] And in every several city of Judah he made high places * to Or, *to offer.* burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

[26] Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. [27] And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

XXIX. HEZEKIAH began to reign *when he was* five

and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. 2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them. 4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street, 5 and said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place*. 6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and *turned *their* backs. 7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy *place* unto the God of Israel. 8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to *trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes. 9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this. 10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. 11 My sons, *be not now negligent; for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and *burn incense.

Heb. given the neck.

Heb. commotion.

Or, be not now deceived.

Or, offer sacrifice.

12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershon-

ites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah: [13] and of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah: [14] and of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel. [15] And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, *by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. [16] And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron. [17] Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

* Or, *in the business of the LORD.*

[18] Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof. [19] Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

[20] Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD. [21] And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD. [22] So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received

the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar. [23] And they brought *forth the he goats *for* the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them: [24] and the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel. [25] And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandment *of the LORD *by his prophets. [26] And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. [27] And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And *when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with *the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel. [28] And all the congregation worshipped, and the *singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and* all *this continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

Heb. near.
Heb. by the hand of the LORD.
Heb. by the hand of.
Heb. in the time.
Heb. hands of instruments.
Heb. song.

[29] And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were *present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped. [30] Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

Heb. found.

[31] Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have *consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come

Or, filled your hand.

near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings. 32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs: all these *were* for a burnt offering to the LORD. 33 And the consecrated things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. 34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites *did help them, till the work (Heb. *strengthened them.*) was ended, and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites *were* more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. 35 And also the burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for *every* burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. 36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* suddenly.

XXX. And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel. 2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. 3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 4 And the thing *pleased the king and all (Heb. *was right in the eyes of the king.*) the congregation. 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the

passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done *it* of a long *time in such sort* as it was written.

6 So the posts went with the letters *from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see. 8 Now *be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers *were*, but *yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. 9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.

* Heb. *from the hand.*

* Heb. *harden not your necks.*

* Heb. *give the hand.*

10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun; but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. 11 Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. 12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

13 And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation. 14 And they arose

and took away the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast *them* into the brook Kidron. 15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD. 16 And they stood in *their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood *which they received* of the hand of the Levites.

Heb. their standing.

17 For *there were* many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto the LORD. 18 For a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one 19 *that* prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he be* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary. 20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

21 And the children of Israel that were *present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with *loud instruments unto the LORD. 22 And Hezekiah spake *comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.

Heb. found.

Heb. instruments of strength.

Heb. to the heart of all, &c.

23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep

other seven days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness. [24] For Hezekiah king of Judah *did Heb. *lifted up*, or, *offered.* give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep: and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. [25] And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. [26] So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel *there was* not the like in Jerusalem. [27] Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to *his holy dwelling place, *even* unto heaven. Heb. *the habitation of his holiness.*

XXXI. Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were *present went out to the cities of Heb. *found.* Judah, and brake the *images in pieces, and Heb. *statues.* cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, *until they had Heb. *until to make an end.* utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

[2] And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites, after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD. [3] *He appointed* also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written in the law of the LORD.

4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in
Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the
Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of
the LORD. 5 And as soon as the commandment *came
abroad, the children of Israel brought in Heb. *brake forth.*
abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and
*honey, and of all the increase of the field; and Or, *dates.*
the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.
6 And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah,
that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought
in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy
things which were consecrated unto the LORD their
God, and laid *them* *by heaps. 7 In the third Heb. *heaps, heaps.*
month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps,
and finished *them* in the seventh month. 8 And when
Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps,
they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel. 9 Then
Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites
concerning the heaps. 10 And Azariah the chief priest
of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since
the people began to bring the offerings into the house
of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have
left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people;
and that which is left *is* this great store.

11 Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare *chambers
in the house of the LORD; and they prepared Or, *store-houses.*
them, 12 and brought in the offerings and the tithes
and the dedicated *things* faithfully: over which Cono-
niah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei his brother *was*
the next. 13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath,
and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel,
and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* over-
seers *under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei Heb. *at the hand.*
his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king,
and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. 14 And

Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, *was* over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things. [15]And *next him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in *their* *set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small: [16]beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses; [17]both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses; [18]and to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their *set office they sanctified themselves in holiness: [19]also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *which were* in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

[20]And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought *that which was* good and right and truth before the LORD his God. [21]And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

XXXII. After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought *to win them for himself.

[2]And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that *he was purposed to fight against

Heb. at his hand.

Or, trust.

Or, trust.

Heb. to break them up.

Heb. his face was to war.

Jerusalem, [3] he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* without the city: and they did help him. [4] So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that *ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? [5] Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo *in* the city of David, and made *darts and shields in abundance. [6] And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and *spake comfortably to them, saying, [7] Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for *there be* more with us than with him: [8] with him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people *rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

[9] After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *himself laid siege* against Lachish, and all his *power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying, [10] Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide *in the siege in Jerusalem? [11] Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? [12] Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it? [13] Know ye not what I and my fathers have

Heb. *overflowed.*

Or, *swords*, or, *weapons.*

Heb. *spake to their heart.*

Heb. *leaned.*

Heb. *dominion.*

Heb. *in the strong hold.*

done unto all the people of *other* lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand? [14] Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand? [15] Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand? [16] And his servants spake yet *more* against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

[17] He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand. [18] Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. [19] And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man.

[20] And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. [21] And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels *slew him there with the sword. [22] Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib

* Heb. *made him fall.*

the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every side. [23] And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and *pre- sents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

[24] In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he *gave him a sign. [25] But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit *done* unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. [26] Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for *the pride of his heart, *both* he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

[27] And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of *pleasant jewels; [28] storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. [29] Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.

[30] This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. [31] Howbeit in *the business of* the *ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

[32] Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his *goodness, behold, they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in

Heb. *precious things.*

Or, *wrought a miracle for him.*

Heb. *the lifting up.*

Heb. *instruments of desire.*

Heb. *interpreters.*

Heb. *kindnesses.*

the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the *chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

* Or, *highest.*

XXXIII. Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: 2 but did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For *he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 Also he built altars in the house of the Lord, whereof the Lord had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. 6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: 8 neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

* Heb. *he returned and built.*

9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of

Jerusalem to err, *and* to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. [10] And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. [11] Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host *of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with *fetters, and carried him to Babylon. [12] And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, [13] and prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he *was* God.

*Heb. *which* were *the king's.*

Or, *chains.*

[14] Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about *Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. [15] And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them* out of the city. [16] And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. [17] Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, *yet* unto the LORD their God only.

Or, *the tower.*

[18] Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel. [19] His prayer also, and *how God* was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and

graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they *are* written among the sayings of *the seers. Or, *Hosai.*
[20] So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

[21] Amon *was* two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem. [22] But he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them; [23] and humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon *trespassed more and more. Heb. *multiplied trespass.* [24] And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house. [25] But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

XXXIV. JOSIAH *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years. [2] And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand nor to the left. [3] For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. [4] And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the *images, that *were* on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust *of them*, and strowed *it* upon the *graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. Or, *sun images.* Heb. *face of the graves.* [5] And he burnt the bones of the priests upon

their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. [6] And *so did he* in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their *mattocks round about. [7] And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images *into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

* Or, *mauls.*

* Heb. *to make powder.*

[8] Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. [9] And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, and they returned to Jerusalem. [10] And they put *it* in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house: [11] even to the artificers and builders gave they *it*, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and *to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. [12] And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them *were* Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward; and *other of* the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick. [13] Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service; and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

* Or, *to rafter.*

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD *given* *by Moses. 15 And Hilkiah answered and said Heb. *by the hand of.* to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. 16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed *to thy Heb. *to the hand of.* servants, they do *it*. 17 And they have *ga- Heb. *poured out,* or, *melted.* thered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen. 18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read *it before the king. 19 And it came to Heb. *in it.* pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. 20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and *Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Or, *Achbor.* Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, 21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

22 And Hilkiah, and *they* that the king *had appointed*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of *Hasrah, keeper Or, *Harhas.* of the *wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jeru- Heb. *garments.* salem *in the college:) and they spake to Or, *in the school,* or, *in the second part.* her to that *effect*. 23 And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me, 24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will

bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: [25] because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. [26] And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard; [27] Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the LORD. [28] Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

[29] Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. [30] And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, * great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD. [31] And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. [32] And he caused all that were * present in Jerusalem

Heb. *from great even to small.*

Heb. *found.*

and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. *And* all his days they departed not *from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

*Heb. from after.

XXXV. Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month. 2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD, 3 and said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; *it shall* not *be* a burden upon *your* shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel, 4 and prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. 5 And stand in the holy *place* according to the divisions of *the families of the fathers of your brethren *the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites. 6 So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

*Heb. the house of the fathers.

*Heb. the sons of the people.

7 And Josiah *gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these *were* of the king's substance. 8 And his princes *gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the

*Heb. offered.

*Heb. offered.

Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings, two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen. [9] Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, *gave unto the Levites, for passover offerings, five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred oxen.

Heb. offered.

[10] So the service was prepared, and the priets stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment. [11] And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites flayed *them*. [12] And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD as *it is* written in the book of Moses. And so *did they* with the oxen. [13] And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the *other* holy *offerings* sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and *divided *them* speedily among all the people.

Heb. made them run.

[14] And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests, because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron. [15] And the singers the sons of Asaph *were* in their *place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters *waited* at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

Heb. station.

[16] So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the

commandment of king Josiah. 17 And the children of Israel that were *present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. *Heb. found.*

18 And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the *temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. *Heb. house.* 21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against *the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who *is* with me, that he destroy thee not. *Heb. the house of my war.* 22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. 23 And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am *sore wounded. 24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried *in *one of* the sepulchres of his fathers. *Heb. made sick.* *Or, *among the sepulchres.* And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an

ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they *are* written in the lamentations.

[26] Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his *goodness, according to *that which was* written in the law of the LORD, [27] and his deeds, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

Heb. kindnesses.

XXXVI. THEN the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. [2] Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. [3] And the king of Egypt *put him down at Jerusalem, and *condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. [4] And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

Heb. removed him.

Heb. mulcted.

[5] JEHOIAKIM *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God. [6] Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in *fetters, to carry him to Babylon. [7] Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

Or, chains.

[8] Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and *Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

Or, Jeconiah, or, Coniah.

[9] JEHOIACHIN *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD. [10] And *when the year

Heb. at the return of the year.

was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the *goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

Heb. vessels of desire.

[11] ZEDEKIAH *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. [12] And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet, *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD. [13] And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

[14] Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. [15] And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them *by his messengers, rising up *betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: [16] but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there was* no *remedy.

Heb. by the hand of his messengers.

That is, continually and carefully.

Heb. healing.

[17] Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave *them* all into his hand. [18] And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon. [19] And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all

the goodly vessels thereof. [20] And *them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: [21] to fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

*Heb. *the remainder from the sword.*

[22] Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, [23] Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? The LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

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THE BOOK OF EZRA.

It was about the year 458 B.C., that Ezra, himself one of the exiles at Babylon, led the second company of Jews from the Babylonian captivity into Palestine.

Ezra was descended from Phinehas the grandson of Aaron, and we may surely see in the dignity of this his great descendant, a measure of the reward of his zeal for God in the matter of Baal-peor.

The events related in the book of Ezra extend over a period of about eighty years, from the first year of the reign of Cyrus, to the eighth year of Artaxerxes.

Ezra describes the circumstances which attended the termination of the Babylonian captivity: and this return of the people to the promised land, and their establishment in Jerusalem, in spite of every obstacle, prove that though the people of God may be cast down they are not forsaken (His mercy endureth for ever),—and that, as in the

deliverance from Egypt, whenever the time of His purposes has arrived, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, and controlleth every circumstance to the accomplishment of his will. He remembered the cry of Solomon's faith at the dedication of the Temple, and brought again his people from the land of their enemies for his own name's sake.

Chapters i.–vi. contain the proclamation of Cyrus, with the return of the first company of Jews: the completion and dedication of the Temple notwithstanding the opposition of the adversaries: and the prophesyings of Haggai and Zechariah.

Chapters vii.–x. contain the account of Ezra's return with his company, and the reformation he effected among the people who then inhabited Jerusalem and the land.



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EZRA.

I. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he *made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, *Heb. caused a voice to pass.*

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. 3 Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he *is* the God,) which *is* in Jerusalem. 4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place *help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem. *Heb. lift him up.*

5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all *them* whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem. 6 And all they that *were* about them *strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with *That is, helped them.*

goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all *that* was willingly offered.

7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; 8 even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. 9 And this *is* the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, 10 thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second *sort* four hundred and ten, *and* other vessels a thousand. 11 All the vessels of gold and of silver *were* five thousand and four hundred. All *these* did Sheshbazzar bring up with *them of* *the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

* Heb. *the transportation.*

II. Now these *are* the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city; 2 which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, *Seraiah, *Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, *Mizpah, Bigvai, *Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: 3 the children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. 4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. 5 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five. 6 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. 7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five. 9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. 10 The chil-

* Or, *Azariah.*
* Or, *Raamiah.*
* Or, *Mispereth.*
* Or, *Nehum.*

dren of *Bani, six hundred forty and two. Or, *Binnui.*
11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and
three. 12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hun-
dred twenty and two. 13 The children of Adonikam,
six hundred sixty and six. 14 The children of Bigvai,
two thousand fifty and six. 15 The children of Adin,
four hundred fifty and four. 16 The children of Ater
of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. 17 The children of
Bezai, three hundred twenty and three. 18 The chil-
dren of *Jorah, an hundred and twelve. 19 The Or, *Hariph.*
children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.
20 The children of *Gibbar, ninety and five. Or, *Gibeon.*
21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and
three. 22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six. 23 The
men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight. 24 The
children of *Azmaveth, forty and two. 25 The Or, *Beth-azmaveth.*
children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven
hundred and forty and three. 26 The children of Ramah
and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one. 27 The men of
Michmas, an hundred twenty and two. 28 The men of
Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three. 29 The
children of Nebo, fifty and two. 30 The children of
Magbish, an hundred fifty and six. 31 The children of
the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
33 The children of Lod, *Hadid, and Ono, seven Or, *Harid.*
hundred twenty and five. 34 The children of Jericho,
three hundred forty and five. 35 The children of
Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house
of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. 37 The
children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. 38 The
children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty
and seven. 39 The children of Harim, a thousand and
seventeen.

40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of *Hodaviah, seventy and four. Or, *Judah*, or, *Hodevah*.
41 The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.
42 The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, *in* all an hundred thirty and nine.
43 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, 44 the children of Keros, the children of *Siaha, the children of Or, *Sia*.
Padon, 45 the children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub, 46 the children of Hagab, the children of *Shalmai, the children of Hanan, Or, *Shamlai*.
47 the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah, 48 the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, 49 the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,
50 the children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of *Nephusim, 51 the children of Or, *Nephishesim*.
Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, 52 the children of *Bazluth, the children Or, *Bazlith*.
of Mehida, the children of Harsha, 53 the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,
54 the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
55 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of *Peruda, 56 the children of Jaalah, the children of Or, *Perida*.
Darkon, the children of Giddel, 57 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of *Ami. 58 All the Or, *Amon*.
Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.
59 And these *were* they which went up from Telmelah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, *Addan, *and* Immer; Or, *Addon*.

but they could not shew their father's house, and their *seed, whether they *were* of Israel: [60] the chil- dren of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two. [61] And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name: [62] these sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore *were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. [63] And the *Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

*Or, pedigree.

*Heb. they were polluted from the priesthood.

*Or, governor.

[64] The whole congregation together *was* forty and two thousand three hundred *and* threescore, [65] beside their servants and their maids, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and *there were* among them two hundred singing men and singing women. [66] Their horses *were* seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; [67] their camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

[68] And *some* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place: [69] they gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

[70] So the priests, and the Levites, and *some* of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

III. And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2 Then stood up *Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and *Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as *it is* written in the law of Moses the man of God.

Or, Joshua.

Called Zorobabel.

3 And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear *was* upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, *even* burnt offerings morning and evening. 4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as *it is* written, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, *as the duty of every day required; 5 and afterward *offered* the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD. 6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But *the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not *yet* laid. 7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the *carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

Heb. the matter of the day in his day.

Heb. the temple of the LORD was not yet founded.

Or, workmen.

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Le-

vites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD. [9] Then stood Jeshua *with* his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, *together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, *with* their sons and their brethren the Levites. Heb. *as one.*

[10] And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. [11] And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because *he is* good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. [12] But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, *who were* ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: [13] so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

IV. Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that *the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel; Heb. *the sons of the transportation.*
[2] then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye *do;* and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither. [3] But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we

ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, 5 and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 And in the reign of *Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. 7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote *Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their *companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue. 8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the *scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort: 9 then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their *companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites, 10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest *that are* on this side the river, and *at such a time.

11 This *is* the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, *even* unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time. 12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have *set up the walls *thereof*, and *joined the foundations. 13 Be it known now unto the king, that if

Heb. *Ahashverosh.*

Or, *in peace.*

Heb. *societies.*

Or, *secretary.*

Chald. *societies.*

Chald. *Cheeneth.*

Or, *finished.*

Chald. *sewed together.*

this city be builded, and the walls set up *again*, *then* will they not *pay toll, tribute, and custom, and *so* thou shalt endamage the *revenue of the kings. [14] Now because *we have maintenance from *the king's* palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king; [15] that search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city *is* a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have *moved sedition *within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed. [16] We certify the king that, if this city be builded *again*, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.

Chald. *give.*
Or, *strength.*
Chald. *we are salted with the salt of the palace.*
Chald. *made.*
Chald. *in the midst thereof.*

[17] *Then* sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and *to* Shimshai the scribe, and *to* the rest of their *companions that dwell in Samaria, and *unto* the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time. [18] The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me. [19] And *I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath *made insurrection against kings, and *that* rebellion and sedition have been made therein. [20] There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all *countries* beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them. [21] *Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until *another* commandment shall be given from me. [22] Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

Chald. *societies.*
Chald. *by me a decree is set.*
Chald. *lifted up itself.*
Chald. *Make a decree.*

[23] Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter *was* read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and

their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease *by Chald. *by arm and power.* force and power. 24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

V. THEN the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them. 2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem: and with them *were* the prophets of God helping them.

3 At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall? 4 Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men *that make Chald. *that build this building?* this building? 5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this *matter.*

6 The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which *were* on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king: 7 they sent a letter unto him, *wherein was written thus; Chald. *in the midst whereof.* Unto Darius the king, all peace. 8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with *great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, Chald. *stones of rolling.* and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands. 9 Then asked we those elders, *and* said unto

them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls? [10] We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that *were* the chief of them. [11] And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and set up. [12] But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. [13] But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon *the same* king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God. [14] And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one*, whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whom he had made *governor; [15] and said Or, *deputy*.
unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place. [16] Then came the same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished. [17] Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which *is* there at Babylon, whether it be *so*, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

VI. Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the *rolls, Chald. *books*.

where the treasures were *laid up in Babylon. Chald. *made to descend.*
2 And there was found at *Achmetha, in the Or, *Ecbatana,* or, *in a coffer.*
palace that *is* in the province of the Medes, a roll, and
therein *was* a record thus written:

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king *the same* Cyrus
the king made a decree *concerning* the house of God at
Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where
they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof
be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits,
and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; 4 *with* three
rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and
let the expences be given out of the king's house:
5 and also let the golden and silver vessels of the
house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out
of the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, and brought
unto Babylon, be restored, and *brought again Chald. *go.*
unto the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, *every one* to
his place, and place *them* in the house of God.

6 Now *therefore*, Tatnai, governor beyond the river,
Shethar-boznai, and *your companions the Chald. *their societies.*
Apharsachites, which *are* beyond the river, be ye far
from thence: 7 let the work of this house of God
alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders
of the Jews build this house of God in his place.
8 Moreover *I make a decree what ye shall Chald. *by me a decree is made.*
do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this
house of God: that of the king's goods, *even* of the
tribute beyond the river, forthwith expences be given
unto these men, that they be not *hindered. Chald. *made to cease.*
9 And that which they have need of, both young bul-
locks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings
of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, accord-
ing to the appointment of the priests which *are* at
Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without
fail: 10 that they may offer sacrifices *of sweet Chald. *of rest.*

savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. [11] Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, *let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this. [12] And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

Chald. *let him be destroyed.*

[13] Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

[14] And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the *commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. [15] And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

Chald. *decree.*

[16] And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of *the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy, [17] and offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. [18] And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which *is* at Jerusalem; *as it is written in the book of Moses.

Chald. *the sons of the transportation.*

Chald. *according to the writing.*

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth *day* of the first month.
20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. 21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat, 22 and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

VII. Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, 2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, 4 the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, 5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:
6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he *was* a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him. 7 And there went up *some* of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. 8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which *was* in the seventh year of the king. 9 For upon the first *day* of the first month * began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first

* Heb. was *the foundation of the going up.*

day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. [10] For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

[11] Now this *is* the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, *even* a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.

[12] Artaxerxes, king of kings, *unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*, and at such a time. [13] I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and *of* his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee. [14] Forasmuch as thou art sent *of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand; [15] and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation *is* in Jerusalem, [16] and all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which *is* in Jerusalem: [17] that thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which *is* in Jerusalem. [18] And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God. [19] The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, *those* deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. [20] And whatsoever more shall be

* Or, *to Ezra the priest, a perfect scribe of the law of the God of heaven*, peace, &c.

* Chald. *from before the king.*

needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow *it* out of the king's treasure house. [21] And I, *even* I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which *are* beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily, [22] unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred *measures of wheat, Chald. *cors.* and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing *how much.* [23] *Whatsoever is commanded by the God of Heb. *Whatsoever* is *of the decree.* heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? [24] Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them. [25] And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that *is* in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that *are* beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know *them* not. [26] And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or *to Chald. *to rooting out.* banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

[27] Blessed *be* the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem: [28] and hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God *was* upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

VIII. These *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king. [2] Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush. [3] Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty. [4] Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males. [5] Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males. [6] Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males. [7] And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiah, the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males. [8] And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males. [9] Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males. [10] And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males. [11] And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males. [12] And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan * the son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males. [13] And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males. [14] Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and * Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

* Or, *the youngest son.*

* Or, *Zaccur.*

[15] And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there * abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. [16] Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief

* Or, *pitched.*

men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding. [17] And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and *I told them what they should say unto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God. [18] And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen; [19] and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; [20] also of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

* Heb. *I put words in their mouth.*

[21] Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. [22] For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath *is* against all them that forsake him. [23] So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.

[24] Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, [25] and weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, *even* the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel *there* present had offered: [26] I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents,

and of gold an hundred talents; [27] also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of *fine copper, *precious as gold. [28] And I said unto them, Ye *are* holy unto the LORD; the vessels *are* holy also; and the silver and the gold *are* a free-will offering unto the LORD God of your fathers. [29] Watch ye, and keep *them*, until ye weigh *them* before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD. [30] So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

*Heb. *yellow*, or, *shining brass*. *Heb. *desirable*.

[31] Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. [32] And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. [33] Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them *was* Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites; [34] by number *and* by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time.

[35] *Also* the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats *for* a sin offering: all *this was* a burnt offering unto the LORD. [36] And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

IX. Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of *those* lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass. 3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonied. 4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonied until the evening sacrifice.

5 And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my *heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God, 6 and said,

Or, affliction.

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our *trespass is grown up unto the heavens. 7 Since the days of our fathers *have* we *been* in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, *and* our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day. 8 And now for a *little space grace hath been *shewed* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us *a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little

Or, guiltiness.

Heb. moment.

Or, a pin: that is, a constant and sure abode.

reviving in our bondage. [9] For we *were* bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and *to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. [10] And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, [11] which thou hast commanded *by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it *from one end to another with their uncleanness. [12] Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your children for ever. [13] And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God *hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this; [14] should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations, wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed *us*, so that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping? [15] O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

Heb. *to set up.*

Heb. *by the hand of thy servants.*

Heb. *from mouth to mouth.*

Heb. *hast withheld beneath our iniquities.*

X. Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women

and children: for the people *wept very sore. [2] And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. [3] Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God *to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. [4] Arise; for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee: we also *will be* with thee: be of good courage, and do *it*.

* Heb. *wept a great weeping.*

* Heb. *to bring forth.*

[5] Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware. [6] Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and *when* he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.

[7] And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem; [8] and that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be *forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

* Heb. *devoted.*

[9] Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It *was* the ninth month, on the twentieth *day* of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for *the great rain. [10] And Ezra the priest stood

* Heb. *the showers.*

up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and *have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. [11] Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

*Heb. *have caused to dwell*, or, *have brought back.*

[12] Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. [13] But the people *are* many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for *we are many that have transgressed in this thing. [14] Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God *for this matter be turned from us.

*Or, *we have greatly offended in this thing.*

*Or, *till this matter be dispatched.*

[15] Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah *were employed about this *matter:* and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. [16] And the children of the captivity did so.

*Heb. *stood.*

And Ezra the priest, *with* certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. [17] And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month. [18] And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: *namely*, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. [19] And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and *being* guilty, *they offered* a ram of the

flock for their trespass. [20]And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah. [21]And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah. [22]And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah. [23]Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same *is* Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. [24]Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. [25]Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. [26]And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. [27]And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. [28]Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai. [29]And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth. [30]And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. [31]And *of* the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, [32]Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah. [33]Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei. [34]Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel, [35]Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, [36]Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, [37]Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, [38]and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, [39]and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, [40]*Machna- Or, *Mabnadebai.*
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Nehemiah's history commences after an interval of about twelve years from the close of the book of Ezra.

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Nehemiah accordingly set out for Jerusalem, the good hand of his God being with him, and he speedily accomplished the rebuilding of the wall, though beset with various and trying opposition from without and from within. After an absence from Shushan of about twelve years, Nehemiah returned, and was afterwards permitted to visit Jerusalem a second time.

After the building of the wall, the efforts of Nehemiah were directed against the sins and cruelties of his countrymen, among whom he effected many important reforms.

He was throughout his mission to his people powerfully assisted by Ezra. His labours appear to have extended over a space of about thirty-six years, ending about the year of the world, 3595.

In the first twelve chapters are described the arrival of Nehemiah; the building and dedication of the walls; and the renewal of the covenant.

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NEHEMIAH.

I. The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.
And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, [2]that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. [3]And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

[4]And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, [5]and said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments; [6]let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. [7]We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept

the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. [8] Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, *If* ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: [9] but *if* ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, *yet* will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. [10] Now these *are* thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. [11] O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

II. And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that* wine *was* before him: and I took up the wine, and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence. [2] Wherefore the king said unto me, Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing thou *art* not sick? this *is* nothing *else* but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, [3] and said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

[4] Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. [5] And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

[6] And the king said unto me, (the *queen also

* Heb. *wife*.

sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. [7] Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; [8] and a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertained* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

[9] Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. [10] When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard *of it*, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

[11] So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. [12] And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. [13] And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. [14] Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass. [15] Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and *so* returned.

[16] And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told *it* to the Jews, nor to

the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work. [17] Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. [18] Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for *this* good *work*.

[19] But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? [20] Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

III. Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel. [2] And *next unto him (Heb. *at his hand.*) builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.

[3] But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who *also* laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. [4] And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana. [5] And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

6 Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of
Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid
the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and
the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. 7 And next
unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon
the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah,
unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.
8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah,
of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hana-
niah the son of *one of* the apothecaries, and they
*fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall. *Or, left Jerusalem unto the broad wall.*
9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of
Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem. 10 And
next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph,
even over against his house. And next unto him
repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah. 11 Malchijah
the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab,
repaired the *other piece, and the tower of the *Heb. second measure.*
furnaces. 12 And the next unto him repaired Shallum
the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of
Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inha-
bitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors
thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a
thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.

14 But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of
Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem; he built
it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and
the bars thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallum the
son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built
it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the
locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the
pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs
that go down from the city of David. 16 After him

repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, unto *the place* over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty. [17] And after him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part. [18] After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah. [19] And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning *of the wall*. [20] After him Baruch the son of *Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. [21] After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib, even to the end of the house of Eliashib. [22] And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain. [23] After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house. [24] After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning *of the wall*, even unto the corner. [25] Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning *of the wall*, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that *was* by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh. [26] Moreover the Nethinims *dwelt in *Ophel, unto *the place* over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

*Or, Zaccai.

*Or, which *dwelt in Ophel*, repaired *unto*.

*Or, *the tower*.

[27] After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

[28] From above the horse gate repaired the priests,

every one over against his house. [29]After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate. [30]After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber. [31]After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the *going up of the corner. [32]And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

*Or, corner-chamber.

IV. But it came to pass that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. [2]And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they *fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? [3]Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

*Heb. *leave to themselves.*

[4]Hear, O our God; for we are *despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: [5]and cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders.

*Heb. *despite.*

[6]So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

[7]But it came to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the

Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem *were made up, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, [8]and conspired all of them together to come *and* to fight against Jerusalem, and *to hinder it. [9]Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. [10]And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and *there is* much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. [11]And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

[12]And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, *From all places whence ye shall return unto us *they will be upon you.* [13]Therefore set I *in the lower places behind the wall, *and* on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. [14]And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the LORD, *which is* great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

[15]And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. [16]And it came to pass from that time forth, *that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah. [17]They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, *every one* with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the

Heb. *ascended.*

Heb. *to make an error to it.*

Or, *That from all places ye must return to us.*

Heb. *from the lower parts of the place, &c.*

other *hand* held a weapon. [18] For the builders, every one had his sword girded *by his side, and *so* builded: and he that sounded the trumpet *was* by me. [19] And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work *is* great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another: [20] in what place *therefore* ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

*Heb. *on his loins.*

[21] So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. [22] Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day. [23] So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, *saving *that* every one put them off for washing.

*Or, *every one* went *with his weapon for water.*

V. And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. [2] For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, *are* many: therefore we take up corn *for them*, that we may eat, and live. [3] *Some* also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. [4] There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, *and that upon* our lands and vineyards. [5] Yet now our flesh *is* as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and *some* of our daughters are brought unto bondage *already:* neither *is it* in our power *to redeem them;* for other men have our lands and vineyards.

[6] And I was very angry when I heard their cry and

these words. [7] Then *I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them. [8] And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing *to answer*. [9] Also I said, It *is* not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies? [10] I likewise, *and* my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury. [11] Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

Heb. my heart consulted in me.

[12] Then said they, We will restore *them*, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise. [13] Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out and *emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

Heb. empty, or, void.

[14] Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that is*, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. [15] But the former governors that *had been* before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of

them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver;
yea, even their servants bare rule over the people:
but so did not I, because of the fear of God. 16 Yea, also
I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we
any land: and all my servants *were* gathered thither
unto the work. 17 Moreover *there were* at my table
an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside
those that came unto us from among the heathen that
are about us. 18 Now *that* which was prepared *for me*
daily *was* one ox *and* six choice sheep; also fowls
were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of
all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the
bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy
upon this people.

19 Think upon me, my God, for good, *according* to
all that I have done for this people.

VI. Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and
Tobiah, and *Geshem the Arabian, and the *Or, Gashmu.*
rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall,
and *that* there was no breach left therein; (though at
that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)
2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying,
Come, let us meet together in *some one of* the villages
in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me
mischief. 3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying,
I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come
down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it,
and come down to you? 4 Yet they sent unto me
four times after this sort; and I answered them after
the same manner.

5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like
manner the fifth time with an open letter in his
hand; 6 wherein *was* written, It is reported among
the heathen, and Gashmu saith *it*, *that* thou and the
Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest

the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words. [7] And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

[8] Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart. [9] For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands.

[10] Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee. [11] And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who *is there*, that, *being* as I *am*, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. [12] And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. [13] Therefore *was* he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

[14] My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

[15] So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day* of *the month* Elul, in fifty and two days. [16] And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen that *were* about us saw *these things*,

they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah *sent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto them. 18 For *there were* many in Judah sworn unto him, because he *was* the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah. 19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my *words to him. *And* Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

* Heb. *multiplied their letters passing to Tobiah.*

* Or, *matters.*

VII. Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed, 2 that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was* a faithful man, and feared God above many. 3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar *them:* and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one *to be* over against his house.

4 Now the city *was* *large and great: but the people *were* few therein, and the houses *were* not builded. 5 And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

* Heb. *broad in spaces.*

6 These *are* the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city; 7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, *Azariah, Raa-

* Or, *Seraiah.*

miah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, *I say*, of the men of the people of Israel *was this;* [8] The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. [9] The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. [10] The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two. [11] The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen. [12] The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. [13] The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five. [14] The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. [15] The children of * Binnui, six hundred forty and eight. [16] The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight. [17] The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two. [18] The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven. [19] The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven. [20] The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five. [21] The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. [22] The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight. [23] The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four. [24] The children of * Hariph, an hundred and twelve. [25] The children of * Gibeon, ninety and five. [26] The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight. [27] The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight. [28] The men of * Beth-azmaveth, forty and two. [29] The men of * Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three. [30] The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one. [31] The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two. [32] The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty and three. [33] The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two. [34] The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred

Or, *Bani.*

Or, *Jora.*

Or, *Gibbar.*

Or, *Azmaveth.*

Or, *Kirjath-arim.*

fifty and four. [35] The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. [36] The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. [37] The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one. [38] The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

[39] The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. [40] The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. [41] The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. [42] The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

[43] The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of * Hodevah, seventy and four.

Or, *Hodaviah*, or, *Judah*.

[44] The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.

[45] The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

[46] The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth, [47] the children of Keros, the children of * Sia, the children of Padon, [48] the children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of * Shalmai, [49] the children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, [50] the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, [51] the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah, [52] the children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of * Nephishesim, [53] the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, [54] the children of * Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, [55] the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah, [56] the children

Or, *Siaha*.

Or, *Shamlai*.

Or, *Nephusim*.

Or, *Bazluth*.

dren of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. [57] The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of *Perida, [58] the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, [59] the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of *Amon. [60] All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.

Or, *Peruda.*

Or, *Ami.*

[61] And these *were* they which went up *also* from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, *Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, nor their *seed, whether they *were* of Israel. [62] The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.

Or, *Addan.*

Or, *pedigree.*

[63] And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name. [64] These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. [65] And *the Tirshatha said unto them that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood *up* a priest with Urim and Thummim.

Or, *the governor.*

[66] The whole congregation together *was* forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, [67] beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women. [68] Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five: [69] *their* camels, four hundred thirty and five; six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

[70] And *some of the chief of the fathers gave

Heb. *part.*

unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. [71] And *some* of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver. [72] And *that* which the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

[73] So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

VIII. And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that *was* before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. [2] And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all *that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. (Heb. *that understood in hearing.*)

[3] And he read therein before the street that *was* before the water gate *from the morning until mid-day, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law. (Heb. *from the light.*)

[4] And Ezra the scribe stood upon a *pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam. (Heb. *tower of wood.*)

[5] And Ezra opened the book in the *sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and (Heb. *eyes.*)

when he opened it, all the people stood up: [6] and Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground. [7] Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place. [8] So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

[9] And Nehemiah, which *is* *the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day *is* holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. [10] Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength. [11] So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved. [12] And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

[13] And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even *to understand the words of the law. [14] And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded *by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: [15] and that they should publish and

* Or, *the governor.*

* Or, *that they might instruct in the words of the law.*

* Heb. *by the hand of.*

proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written. [16] So the people went forth, and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. [17] And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

[18] Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *was* *a solemn assembly, according unto the manner. *Heb. a restraint.*

IX. Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them. [2] And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all *strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. *Heb. strange children.* [3] And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God *one* fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God. [4] Then stood up upon the *stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God. *Or, scaffold.*

[5] Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said,

Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. [6] Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

[7] Thou *art* the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; [8] and foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give *it*, *I say*, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou *art* righteous: [9] and didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; [10] and shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as *it is* this day. [11] And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

[12] Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. [13] Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and *true laws, good statutes and commandments: [14] and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, sta-

*Heb. *laws of truth.*

tutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:
15 and gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger,
and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock
for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should
go in to possess the land *which thou hadst sworn to give them.

*Heb. which thou hadst lift up thine hand to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, 17 and refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* *a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. 18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This *is* thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;
19 yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

*Heb. a God of pardons.

20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. 21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, *so that* they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. 22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.
23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess *it*. 24 So the children went

in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them *as they would. [25]And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, *wells digged, vineyards, and olive-yards, and *fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

Heb. according to their will.

Or, cisterns.

Heb. trees of food.

[26] Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations. [27] Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. [28] But after they had rest, *they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; [29]and testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and *withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. [30] Yet many years didst thou *forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit *in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest

Heb. they returned to do evil.

Heb. they gave a withdrawing shoulder.

Heb. protract over them.

Heb. in the hand of thy prophets.

thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.
31 Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst
not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou
art a gracious and merciful God.

32 Now therefore our God, the great, the mighty,
and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy,
let not all the *trouble seem little before
thee, *that hath come upon us, on our kings,
on our princes, and on our priests, and on our pro-
phets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since
the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. 33 How-
beit thou *art* just in all that is brought upon us; for
thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:
34 neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor
our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy
commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou
didst testify against them. 35 For they have not served
thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that
thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which
thou gavest before them, neither turned they from
their wicked works. 36 Behold, we *are* servants this
day, and *for* the land that thou gavest unto our fathers
to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold,
we *are* servants in it: 37 and it yieldeth much increase
unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of
our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies,
and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we *are* in
great distress.

38 And because of all this we make a sure *covenant*,
and write *it;* and our princes, Levites, *and* priests,
*seal *unto it.*

X. Now *those that sealed *were*, Nehemiah,
*the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zid-
kijah, 2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3 Pashur, Amariah,
Malchijah, 4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5 Harim,

Heb. *weariness.*

Heb. *that hath found us.*

Heb. are *at the sealing*, or, *sealed.*

Heb. *at the sealings.*

Or, *the governor.*

Meremoth, Obadiah, [6] Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, [7] Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, [8] Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* the priests.

[9] And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; [10] and their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, [11] Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, [12] Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, [13] Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

[14] The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani, [15] Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, [16] Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, [17] Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, [18] Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, [19] Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, [20] Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, [21] Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua, [22] Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, [23] Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub, [24] Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek, [25] Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, [26] and Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, [27] Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

[28] And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding; [29] they clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given *by (Heb. *by the hand of*) Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes; [30] and that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons: [31] and *if* the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, *that* we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and *that* we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of *every (Heb. *every hand*) debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God; 33 for the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy *things*, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and *for* all the work of the house of our God.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring *it* into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as *it is* written in the law: 35 and to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD: 36 also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as *it is* written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: 37 and *that* we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. 38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. 39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where *are* the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

XI. And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities. [2]And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

[3] Now these *are* the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, *to wit*, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants. [4]And at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin.

Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez; [5]and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. [6]All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

[7]And these *are* the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah. [8]And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight. [9]And Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah *was* second over the city.

[10] Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin. [11] Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the ruler of the house of God. [12]And their brethren that did the work of the house *were* eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah,

the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah, [13] and his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two; and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, [14] and their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer *was* Zabdiel, *the son of *one of* the great men. Or, *the son of Haggedolim.*

[15] Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; [16] and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, **had* the oversight of the out- Heb. were over. ward business of the house of God. [17] And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. [18] All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred fourscore and four.

[19] Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept *the gates, *were* an hundred Heb. at the gates. seventy and two.

[20] And the residue of Israel, of the priests, *and* the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance. [21] But the Nethinims dwelt in *Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa *were* over the Nethinims. Or, *the tower.*

[22] The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house of God. [23] For *it was* the king's commandment concerning them, that *a certain portion should be for Or, *a sure ordinance.* the singers, due for every day.

[24] And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the
children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba, and *in* the
villages thereof, and at Dibon, and *in* the villages
thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and *in* the villages thereof,
26 and at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-phelet,
27 and at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba, and *in* the
villages thereof, 28 and at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and
in the villages thereof, 29 and at En-rimmon, and at
Zareah, and at Jarmuth, 30 Zanoah, Adullam, and *in*
their villages, at Lachish and the fields thereof, at
Azekah, and *in* the villages thereof. And they dwelt
from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children also of Benjamin *from Geba *dwelt* *at Michmash, and Aijah, and Beth-el, and *in* their villages, 32 *and* at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, 33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 35 Lod and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. 36 And of the Levites *were* divisions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

Or, *of Geba.*
Or, *to Michmash.*

XII. Now these *are* the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, 2 Amariah, *Malluch, Hattush, 3 *Shechaniah, *Rehum, *Meremoth, 4 Iddo, *Ginnetho, Abijah, 5 *Miamin, *Maadiah, Bilgah, 6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah, 7 *Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These *were* the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

Or, *Melicu.*
Or, *Shebaniah.*
Or, *Harim.*
Or, *Meraioth.*
Or, *Ginnethon.*
Or, *Miniamin.*
Or, *Moadiah.*
Or, *Sallu.*

8 Moreover, the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, *which was* over *the thanksgiving, he and his brethren. 9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, *were* over against them in the watches.

That is, *the psalms of thanksgiving.*

10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada, 11 and Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

[12] And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; [13] of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; [14] of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; [15] of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; [16] of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; [17] of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; [18] of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; [19] and of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; [20] of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; [21] of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

[22] The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, *were* recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian. [23] The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, *were* written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

[24] And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise *and* to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward. [25] Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, *were* porters keeping the ward at the *thresholds of the gates. [26] These *were* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

* Or, *treasuries*, or, *assemblies*.

[27] And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. [28] And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from

the villages of Netophathi; [29] also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem. [30] And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

[31] Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great *companies of them that gave* thanks, *whereof one* went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: [32] and after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah, [33] and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, [34] Judah and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, [35] and *certain* of the priests' sons with trumpets; *namely*, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph: [36] and his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them. [37] And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.

[38] And the other *company of them that gave* thanks went over against *them*, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall; [39] and from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.

[40] So stood the two *companies of them that gave* thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me: [41] and the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Minia-

min, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets: [42] and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers *sang loud, with Heb. *made* their voice *to be heard.* Jezrahiah *their* overseer. [43] Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

[44] And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions *of That is, *appointed by the law.* the law for the priests and Levites: *for Heb. *for the joy of Judah.* Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites *that waited. [45] And both the singers and the Heb. *that stood.* porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, *and* of Solomon his son. [46] For in the days of David and Asaph of old *there were* chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. [47] And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they *sanc- That is, *set apart.* tified *holy things* unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified *them* unto the children of Aaron.

XIII. On that day *they read in the book Heb. *there was read.* of Moses in the *audience of the people; and Heb. *ears.* therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever; [2] because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

[3] Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law,

that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. 4 And before this, Eliashib the priest, *having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, *was* allied unto Tobiah; 5 and he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, *which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests. 6 But in all this *time* was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and *after certain days *obtained I leave of the king: 7 and I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber. 9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.

Heb. *being set over.*

Heb. *the commandment of the Levites.*

Heb. *at the end of days.* Or, *I earnestly requested.*

10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given *them:* for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. 11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their *place. 12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the *treasuries. 13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and *next to them *was* Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and *their office *was* to distribute unto their brethren.

Heb. *standing.*

Or, *storehouses.*

Heb. *at their hand.*

Heb. it was *upon them.*

[14] Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my *good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the *offices thereof.

*Heb. kindnesses.
*Or, observations.

[15] In those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals. [16] There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. [17] Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? [18] Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

[19] And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, *that* there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. [20] So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. [21] Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye *about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the sabbath.

*Heb. before the wall?

[22] And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.

Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and

spare me according to the *greatness of thy mercy. *Or, multitude.*

23 In those days also saw I Jews *that* *had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab: *Heb. had made to dwell with them.*
24 and their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and *could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language *of each people. *Heb. they discerned not to speak.* *Heb. of people and people.*
25 And I contended with them, and *cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. *Or, reviled them.*
26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.
27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?
28 And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.
29 Remember them, O my God, *because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites. *Heb. for the defilings.*
30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;
31 and for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits.

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The Book of Esther contains an account of one of the many astonishing deliverances of the people of God by the manifest interposition of His hand.

In Ezra and Nehemiah we see God remembering mercy in the midst of judgment, and bringing again His chosen people to the land promised to Abraham; and in Esther we may notice how the unseen operation of His Almighty power controls and disposes of every agency according to the good pleasure of His will. And our faith and hope

are encouraged by seeing that, at the darkest hour of man's apparent success against those he loves, His arm is not shortened that it cannot save, but triumphantly works deliverance, and brings forth salvation with shouts of grateful praise.

ESTHER.

I. Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this *is* Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, *over* an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:) [2]*that* in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the palace, [3]in the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, *being* before him; [4]when he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, *even* an hundred and fourscore days.

[5]And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were *present Heb. *found.* in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; [6]*where were* white, green, and *blue, Or, *violet.* *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds *were of* gold and silver, upon a pavement *of Or, *of porphyre, and marble, and alabaster, and stone of blue colour.* red, and blue, and white, and black, marble. [7]And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and

*royal wine in abundance, *according to the state of the king. [8] And the drinking *was* according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure. [9] Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women *in* the royal house which *belonged* to king Ahasuerus.

*Heb. wine of the kingdom. Heb. according to the hand of the king.

[10] On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven *chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, [11] to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she *was* *fair to look on. [12] But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment *by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

*Or, eunuchs.

*Heb. good of countenance.

*Heb. which was by the hand of his eunuchs.

[13] Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so *was* the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment: [14] and the next unto him *was* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, *and* Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, *and* which sat the first in the kingdom;) [15] *What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

*Heb. What to do.

[16] And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. [17] For *this* deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahas-

uerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. 18 *Likewise* shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrath. 19 * If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment *from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, *that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate *unto another that is better than she. 20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

Heb. *If it be good with the king.*
Heb. *from before him.*
Heb. *that it pass not away.*
Heb. *unto her companion.*

21 And the saying *pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan: 22 for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and *that *it* should be published according to the language of every people.

Heb. *was good in the eyes of the king.*
Heb. *that one should publish* it *according to the language of his people.*

II. After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. 2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: 3 and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, *unto the custody of * Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given *them:* 4 and let the maiden which pleaseth the king be

Heb. *unto the hand.*
Or, *Hegai.*

queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 *Now* in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name *was* Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite; 6 who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. 7 And he *brought up Hadassah, Heb. *nourished.* that *is*, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid *was* *fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her Heb. *fair of form, and good of countenance.* father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

8 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. 9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with *such things Heb. *her portions.* as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and *he preferred her and her maids unto the Heb. *he changed her.* best *place* of the house of the women. 10 Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew *it*. 11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, *to know how Esther did, Heb. *to know the peace.* and what should become of her.

12 Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished,

to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women;) [13] then thus came *every* maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. [14] In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

[15] Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. [16] So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which *is* the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. [17] And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and *favour *in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. [18] Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esther's feast; and he made a *release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

*Or, *kindness.* Heb. *before him.*

Heb. *rest.*

[19] And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. [20] Esther had not *yet* shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

[21] In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's

gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept *the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. [22] And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told *it* unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king *thereof* in Mordecai's name. [23] And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

*Heb. *the threshold.*

III. After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him. [2] And all the king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, bowed, and reverenced Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did *him* reverence. [3] Then the king's servants, which *were* in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

[4] Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he *was* a Jew. [5] And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. [6] And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai.

[7] In the first month, that *is*, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth *month*, that *is*, the month Adar. [8] And Haman said unto king Ahas-

uerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws *are* diverse from all people: neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it *is* not *for the king's profit to suffer them. 9 If it please the king, let it be written *that they may be destroyed: and I will *pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries. 10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' *enemy. 11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver *is* given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

12 Then were the king's *scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and *to* every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring. 13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey. 14 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day. 15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

Heb. *meet*, or, *equal*.
Heb. *to destroy them*.
Heb. *weigh*.
Or, *oppressor*.
Or, *secretaries*.

IV. When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; [2]and came even before the king's gate: for none *might* enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. [3]And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and *many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Heb. *sackcloth and ashes were laid under many.*

[4]So Esther's maids and her *chamberlains came and told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received *it* not. [5]Then called Esther for Hatach, *one* of the king's chamberlains, *whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it *was*, and why it *was*. [6]So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which *was* before the king's gate. [7]And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. [8]Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew *it* unto Esther, and to declare *it* unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

Heb. *eunuchs.*

Heb. *whom he had set before her.*

[9]And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. [10]Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; [11]All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is

not called, *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. [12] And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

[13] Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. [14] For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there *enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this? (Heb. *respiration.*)

[15] Then Esther bade *them* return Mordecai *this answer*, [16] Go, gather together all the Jews that are *present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. [17] So Mordecai *went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him. (Heb. *found.*) (Heb. *passed.*)

V. Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal *apparel*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. [2] And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, *that* she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that *was* in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. [3] Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what *is* thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom. [4] And Esther answered, If *it seem* good

unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him. 5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6 And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. 7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request *is;* 8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and *to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said.

Heb. to do.

9 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai. 10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and *called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. 11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all *the things* wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. 12 Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king. 13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. 14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a *gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in

Heb. caused to come.

Heb. tree.

merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

VI. On that night *could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. [2]And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the *door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

Heb. the king's sleep fled away.

Heb. threshold.

[3]And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. [4]And the king said, Who *is* in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. [5]And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

[6]So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man *whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself? [7]And Haman answered the king, For the man *whom the king delighteth to honour, [8]*let the royal apparel be brought *which the king *useth* to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: [9]and let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man *withal* whom the king delighteth to honour, and *bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall

Heb. in whose honour the king delighteth.

Heb. in whose honour the king delighteth.

Heb. let them bring the royal apparel.

Heb. wherewith the king clotheth himself.

Heb. cause him to ride.

it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, *and* take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: * let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. Heb. *suffer not a whit to fall.*

11 Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

12 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hasted to his house mourning, and having his head covered. 13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai *be* of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

VII. So the king and Haman came * to banquet with Esther the queen. Heb. *to drink.* 2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom. 3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: 4 for we are sold, I and my people, * to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had Heb. *that they should destroy, and kill, and cause to perish.*

been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

5 Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, *that durst presume in his heart to do so? 6 And Esther said, *The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman.

*Heb. whose heart hath filled him.

*Heb. The man adversary.

Then Haman was afraid *before the king and the queen. 7 And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

*Or, at the presence of.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also *before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. 9 And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the *gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon. 10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

*Heb. with me.

*Heb. tree.

VIII. On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he *was* unto her. 2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 And Esther spake yet again before the king, and

fell down at his feet, *and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. [4] Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king, [5] and said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing *seem* right before the king, and I *be* pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse *the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, *which he wrote to destroy the Jews, which *are* in all the king's provinces: [6] for how can I *endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

Heb. and she wept, and besought him.

Heb. the device.

Or, who wrote.

Heb. be able that I may see.

[7] Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews. [8] Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

[9] Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that *is*, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth *day* thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces, which *are* from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

[10] And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed *it* with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts

on horseback, *and* riders on mules, camels, *and* young dromedaries: [11] wherein the king granted the Jews which *were* in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *both* little ones and women, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey, [12] upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

[13] The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province *was* *published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. [14] *So* the posts that rode upon mules *and* camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

* Heb. *revealed.*

[15] And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of *blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. [16] The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour. [17] And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

* Or, *violet.*

IX. Now in the twelfth month, that *is*, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over

them that hated them;) [2] the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people. [3] And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and *officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. [4] For Mordecai *was* great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

* Heb. *those which did the business that* belonged *to the king.*

[5] Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did *what they would unto those that hated them. [6] And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. [7] And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, [8] and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, [9] and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, [10] the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

* Heb. *according to their will.*

[11] On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace *was brought before the king. [12] And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what *is* thy request further? and it shall be done.

* Heb. *came.*

[13] Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which *are* in Shushan to do to morrow also according unto this day's decree, and *let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the

* Heb. *let men hang.*

gallows. [14]And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. [15] For the Jews that *were* in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

[16] But the other Jews that *were* in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey, [17]on the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day *of the same rested they, and made it a day Heb. *in it.* of fasting and gladness. [18] But the Jews that *were* at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth *day* thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. [19] Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of* gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

[20] And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that *were* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, *both* nigh and far, [21]to stablish *this* among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, [22]as the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor. [23]And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had

written unto them; [24] because Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, to *consume them, and to destroy them; [25] but *when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. [26] Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of *Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and *of that* which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them, [27] the Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not *fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their *appointed* time every year; [28] and *that* these days *should be* remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and *that* these days of Purim should not *fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them *perish from their seed.

Heb. *crush.*

Heb. *when she came.*

That is, *lot.*

Heb. *pass.*

Heb. *pass.*

Heb. *be ended.*

[29] Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with *all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim. [30] And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth, [31] to confirm these days of Purim in their times *appointed*, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed *for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry. [32] And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

Heb. *all strength.*

Heb. *for their souls.*

X. And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and *upon* the isles of the sea. [2] And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king [*] advanced him, *are* they not written in the [*] Heb. *made him great.* book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? [3] For Mordecai the Jew *was* next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

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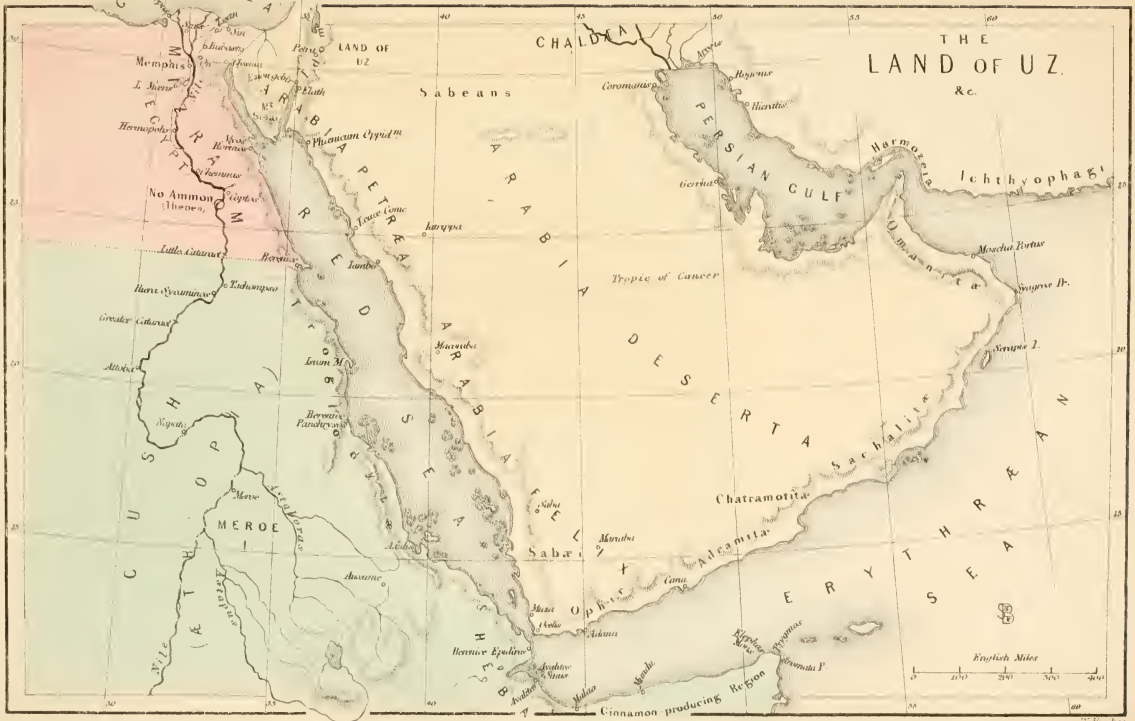
THE BOOK OF JOB.

This book derives its title from the patriarch Job, whose prosperity, afflictions, and restoration, are here recorded, with his exemplary patience under all his calamities. There can be no doubt that Job was a real, and not a fictitious character, and that the narrative in this book is of an historical fact; for the prophet Ezekiel mentions *Job*, Noah, and Daniel, as three persons of eminent piety (Eze. xiv. 14, 20); and the apostle James illustrates the advantage of patience by the example of *Job*, as he had done the doctrine of faith and works by the examples of Abraham and Rahab (Ja. ii. 21-25; v. 11).

Nothing certain can be determined respecting the age in which Job lived; though the long life which he attained, the general air of antiquity which pervades the manners recorded in the poem; the great remains of patriarchal religion; the worship of the sun and moon being the only idolatry mentioned; there being no express allusion to the Mosaic law, or the wonderful works of God to Israel; and several

peculiarities in the language, style, and composition of the work; all concur to render it highly probable that he lived in the patriarchal times, or, at least, previous to the Exodus of Israel from Egypt.

Respecting the author of this book, it is highly probable that it was the production of Job himself, or some other person his contemporary.



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I. THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed evil. 2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. 3 His *substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great *household; so that this man was the greatest all the *men of the east.

Or, cattle.

Or, husbandry.

Heb. sons of the east.

4 And his sons went and feasted *in their* houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5 And it was so, when the days of *their* feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings, *according* to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job *continually.

Heb. all the days.

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and *Satan came also *among them. 7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going

Heb. the adversary.

Heb. in the midst of them.

to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. [8] And the LORD said unto Satan, *Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there* is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? [9] Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? [10] Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his *substance is increased in the land. [11] But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, *and he will curse thee to thy face. [12] And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy *power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Heb. *Hast thou set thy heart on.*

Or, *cattle.*

Heb. *if he curse thee not to thy face.*

Heb. *hand.*

[13] And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: [14] and there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were ploughing, and the asses feeding beside them: [15] and the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. [16] While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, *The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. [17] While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and *fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. [18] While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking

Or, *A great fire.*

Heb. *rushed.*

wine in their eldest brother's house: [19] and, behold, there came a great wind *from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

*Heb. from aside, &c.

[20] Then Job arose, and rent his *mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, [21] and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. [22] In all this Job sinned not, nor *charged God foolishly.

*Or, robe.

*Or, attributed folly to God.

II. Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. [2] And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. [3] And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, *to destroy him without cause. [4] And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. [5] But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. [6] And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he *is* in thine hand; *but save his life.

*Heb. to swallow him up.

*Or, only.

[7] So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. [8] And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh? What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. 12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads, toward heaven. 13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

III. After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. 2 And Job *spake, and said, Heb. *answered.*

3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night *in which* it was said, There is a man child conceived. 4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. 5 Let darkness and the shadow of death *stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; *let the blackness of the day terrify it. 6 *As for* that night, let darkness seize upon it; *let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months. 7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein. 8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up *their mourning. 9 Let the stars of the

Or, *challenge it.*
Or, *let them terrify it, as those who have a bitter day.*
Or, *let it not rejoice among the days.*
Or, *a leviathan.*

twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but *have* none: neither let it see *the dawning of the day: [10] because it shut not up the doors of my *mother's* womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

*Heb. *the eyelids of the morning.*

[11] Why died I not from the womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? [12] Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck? [13] For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest, [14] with kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves; [15] or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver: [16] or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants *which* never saw light. [17] There the wicked cease *from* troubling, and there the *weary be at rest. [18] *There* the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. [19] The small and great are there; and the servant *is* free from his master.

*Heb. *wearied in strength.*

[20] Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter *in* soul; [21] which *long for death, but it *cometh* not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures; [22] which rejoice exceedingly, *and* are glad, when they can find the grave? [23] *Why is light given* to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in? [24] For my sighing cometh *before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters. [25] For *the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. [26] I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

*Heb. *wait.*

*Heb. *before my meat.*

*Heb. *I feared a fear, and it came upon me.*

IV. Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 *If* we assay *to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but *who can withhold himself from speaking? 3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands. 4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened *the feeble knees. 5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled. 6 *Is* not *this* thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

7 Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? 8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. 9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed. 10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken. 11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.

12 Now a thing was *secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. 13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, 14 fear *came upon me, and trembling, which made *all my bones to shake. 15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: 16 it stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image *was* before mine eyes, **there was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*, 17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker? 18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; *and his angels he charged with folly: 19 how much less *in* them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation *is* in the dust,

Heb. *a word.*

Heb. *who can refrain from words?*

Heb. *the bowing knees.*

Heb. *by stealth.*

Heb. *met me.*

Heb. *the multitude of my bones.*

Or, *I heard a still voice.*

Or, *nor in his angels, in whom he put light.*

which are crushed before the moth? [20] They are *destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding *it*. [21] Doth not their excellency *which is* in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

V. Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou *turn? [2] For wrath killeth the foolish man, and *envy slayeth the silly one. [3] I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation. [4] His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither *is there* any to deliver *them*. [5] Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance. [6] Although *affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; [7] yet man is born unto *trouble, as *the sparks fly upward.

[8] I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: [9] which doeth great things and *unsearchable; marvellous things *without number: [10] who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the *fields: [11] to set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. [12] He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands *cannot perform *their* enterprise. [13] He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong. [14] They *meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night. [15] But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty. [16] So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

Heb. *beaten in pieces.*

Or, *look.*

Or, *indignation.*

Or, *iniquity.*

Or, *labour.* Heb. *the sons of the burning coal lift up to fly.*

Heb. there is *no search.*

Heb. *till* there be *no number.*

Heb. *out-places.*

Or, *cannot perform any thing.*

Or, *run into.*

17 Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth:
therefore despise not thou the chastening of the
Almighty: 18 for he maketh sore, and bindeth up:
he woundeth, and his hands make whole. 19 He
shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven
there shall no evil touch thee. 20 In famine he
shall redeem thee from death: and in war *from
the power of the sword. 21 Thou shalt be
hid *from the scourge of the tongue:
neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it
cometh. 22 At destruction and famine thou shalt
laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of
the earth. 23 For thou shalt be in league with the
stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall
be at peace with thee. 24 And thou shalt know
*that thy tabernacle *shall be* in peace;
and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not
*sin. 25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed
shall be *great, and thine offspring as the
grass of the earth. 26 Thou shalt come to *thy* grave
in a full age, like as a shock of corn *cometh in in
his season.

Heb. from the hands.

Or, when the tongue scourgeth.

Or, that peace is thy tabernacle.

Or, err.

Or, much.

Heb. ascendeth.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it *is;* hear it, and
know thou *it* *for thy good.

Heb. for thyself.

VI. But Job answered and said,

2 Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my
calamity *laid in the balances together! 3 For
now it would be heavier than the sand of the
sea: therefore *my words are swallowed
up. 4 For the arrows of the Almighty *are*
within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my
spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in
array against me. 5 Doth the wild ass bray *when
he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his

Heb. lifted up.

That is, I want words to express my grief.

Heb. at grass.

fodder? [6] Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there *any* taste in the white of an egg? [7] The things *that* my soul refused to touch *are* as my sorrowful meat.

[8] Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant *me* *the thing that I long for! Heb. *my expectation.*
[9] Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!
[10] Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.
[11] What *is* my strength, that I should hope? and what *is* mine end, that I should prolong my life?
[12] *Is* my strength the strength of stones? or *is* my flesh *of brass? [13] *Is* not my help in me? Heb. *brasen.*
and is wisdom driven quite from me?
[14] *To him that is afflicted pity *should be shewed* Heb. *To him that melteth.*
from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty. [15] My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, *and* as the stream of brooks they pass away; [16] which are blackish by reason of the ice, *and* wherein the snow is hid: [17] what time they wax warm, *they vanish: *when it Heb. *they are cut off.* Heb. *in the heat thereof.*
is hot, they are *consumed out of their Heb. *extinguished.*
place. [18] The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish. [19] The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them. [20] They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed.
[21] *For now ye are *nothing; ye see Or, *For now ye are* like *to them.* Heb. *to it.*
my casting down, and are afraid. Heb. *not.*
[22] Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance? [23] Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause
me to understand wherein I have erred. 25 How
forcible are right words! but what doth your
arguing reprove? 26 Do ye imagine to reprove
words, and the speeches of one that is desperate,
which are as wind? 27 Yea, *ye overwhelm the
fatherless, and ye dig *a pit* for your friend.
28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for *it is*
*evident unto you if I lie. 29 Return, I
pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again,
my righteousness *is* *in it. 30 Is there
iniquity in my tongue? cannot *my taste
discern perverse things?

VII. *Is there* not *an appointed time to man
upon earth? *are not* his days also like the days
of an hireling? 2 As a servant *earnestly
desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for
the reward of his work: 3 so am I made to possess
months of vanity, and wearisome nights are ap-
pointed to me. 4 When I lie down, I say, When
shall I arise, and *the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawn-
ing of the day. 5 My flesh is clothed with worms
and clods of dust; my skin is broken and become
loathsome. 6 My days are swifter than a weaver's
shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 O remember that my life *is* wind: mine eye *shall
no more *see good. 8 The eye of him
that hath seen me shall see me no *more:* thine
eyes *are* upon me, and *I *am* not. 9 *As*
the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he
that goeth down to the grave shall come up no
more. 10 He shall return no more to his house, nei-
ther shall his place know him any more. 11 There-
fore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in

Heb. *ye cause to fall upon.*
Heb. *before your face.*
That is, *in this matter.*
Heb. *my palate.*
Or, *a warfare.*
Heb. *gapeth after.*
Heb. *shall not return.* That is, *to enjoy.*
That is, *I can live no longer.*

the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 *Am* I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me? 13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint; 14 then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions: 15 so that my soul chooseth strangling, *and* death rather *than my life. Heb. *than my bones.*
16 I loathe *it;* I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days *are* vanity. 17 What *is* man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? 18 and *that* thou shouldest visit him every morning, *and* try him every moment? 19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?
20 I have sinned, what shall I do unto thee, O thou Preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself? 21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I *shall* not *be.*

VIII. Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long wilt thou speak these *things?* and *how long shall* the words of thy mouth *be like* a strong wind? 3 Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice? 4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away *for their transgression; 5 if thou *Heb. in the hand of their transgression.*
wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; 6 if thou *wert* pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. 7 Though thy beginning was small,

yet thy latter end should greatly increase. [8] For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers: [9] (for we *are but of* yesterday, and know *nothing, Heb. *not.* because our days upon earth *are* a shadow:) [10] shall not they teach thee, *and* tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

[11] Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? [12] whilst it *is* yet in his greenness, *and* not cut down, it withereth before any *other* herb. [13] So *are* the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: [14] whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust *shall be* *a spider's web. [15] He shall lean Heb. *a spider's house.* upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure. [16] He *is* green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden. [17] His roots are wrapped about the heap, *and* seeth the place of stones. [18] If he destroy him from his place, then *it* shall deny him, *saying*, I have not seen thee. [19] Behold, this *is* the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

[20] Behold, God will not cast away a perfect *man*, neither will he *help the evil doers: [21] till Heb. *take the ungodly by the hand.* he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with *rejoicing. [22] They that hate thee shall Heb. *shouting for joy.* be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked *shall come to nought. Heb. *shall not be.*

IX. Then Job answered and said,

[2] I know *it is* so of a truth: but how should man be just *with God? [3] If he will contend Or, *before God.* with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

4 *He is* wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who
hath hardened *himself* against him, and hath pros-
pered? 5 Which removeth the mountains, and they
know not: which overturneth them in his anger.
6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and
the pillars thereof tremble. 7 Which commandeth
the sun, and it riseth not: and sealeth up the
stars. 8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens,
and treadeth upon the *waves of the sea. Heb. *heights.*
9 Which maketh *Arcturus, Orion, and Heb. *Ash, Cesil, and Cimah.*
Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. 10 Which
doeth great things past finding out; yea, and won-
ders without number.
11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see *him* not: he passeth
on also, but I perceive him not. 12 Behold, he
taketh away, *who can hinder him? Heb. *who can turn him away?*
who will say unto him, What doest thou? 13 *If*
God will not withdraw his anger, the *proud
helpers do stoop under him. 14 How Heb. *helpers of pride,* or, *strength.*
much less shall I answer him, *and* choose out my
words *to reason* with him? 15 whom, though I were
righteous, *yet* would I not answer, *but* I would
make supplication to my judge. 16 If I had called,
and he had answered me; *yet* would I not believe
that he had hearkened unto my voice. 17 For
he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth
my wounds without cause. 18 He will not suffer
me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitter-
ness. 19 If *I speak* of strength, lo, *he is* strong:
and if of judgment, who shall set me a time *to
plead?* 20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall
condemn me: *if I say*, I *am* perfect, it shall also
prove me perverse. 21 *Though* I *were* perfect, *yet*
would I not know my soul: I would despise my
life.

22 This *is* one *thing*, therefore I said *it*, He destroyeth
the perfect and the wicked. 23 If the scourge slay
suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked:
he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not,
where, *and* who *is* he?
25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee
away, they see no good. 26 They are passed away
as the *swift ships: as the eagle *that* (Heb. *ships of desire.* Or, *ships of Ebeh.*)
hasteth to the prey. 27 If I say, I will forget my
complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and
comfort *myself:* 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows,
I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
29 *If* I be wicked, why then labour I in vain? 30 If I
wash myself with snow water, and make my hands
never so clean; 31 yet shalt thou plunge me in the
ditch, and mine own clothes shall *abhor (Or, *make me to be abhorred.*)
me. 32 For *he is* not a man, as I *am*, *that* I should
answer him, *and* we should come together in judg-
ment. 33 Neither is there *any *days- (Heb. *one that should argue.* Or, *umpire.*)
man betwixt us, *that* might lay his hand upon us
both. 34 Let him take his rod away from me, and
let not his fear terrify me: 35 *then* would I speak,
and not fear him; *but *it is* not so (Heb. *but I* am *not so with myself.*)
with me.

X. My soul is *weary of my life; I will leave (Or, *cut off while I live.*)
my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the
bitterness of my soul. 2 I will say unto God, Do
not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou con-
tendest with me. 3 *Is it* good unto thee that thou
shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise *the
work of thine hands, and shine upon the (Heb. *the labour of thine hands?*)
counsel of the wicked? 4 Hast thou eyes of flesh?
or seest thou as man seeth? 5 *Are* thy days as the
days of man? *are* thy years as man's days, 6 that

thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?

7 * Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and *there is* none that can deliver out of thine hand. (Heb. It is *upon thy knowledge.*)

8 Thine hands *have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. (Heb. *took pains about me.*)

9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? 10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? 11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast *fenced me with bones and sinews. 12 Thou (Heb. *hedged.*) hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

13 And these *things* hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this *is* with thee. 14 If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity. 15 If I be wicked, woe unto me; and *if* I be righteous, *yet* will I not lift up my head. *I am* full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction; 16 for it increaseth.

Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me. 17 Thou renewest *thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war *are* against me. (That is, *thy plagues.*)

18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me! 19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 *Are* not my days few? cease *then*, *and* let me alone, that I may take comfort a little, 21 before I go *whence* I shall not return, *even* to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; 22 a land of

darkness, as darkness *itself; and* of the shadow of death, without any order, and *where* the light *is* as darkness.

XI. Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

[2] Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should *a man full of talk be justified? *Heb. a mon of lips.*
[3] Should thy *lies make men hold their *Or, devices.* peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed? [4] For thou hast said, My doctrine *is* pure, and I am clean in thine eyes. [5] But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee; [6] and that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that *they are* double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee *less* than thine iniquity *deserveth.*

[7] Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? [8] *It is* *as high as heaven; what canst thou do? *Heb. the heights of heaven.* deeper than hell: what canst thou know? [9] The measure thereof *is* longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

[10] If he *cut off, and shut up, or gather together, *Or, make a change.* then *who can hinder him? [11] For he *Heb. who can turn him away?* knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider *it?* [12] For *vain man *Heb. empty.* would be wise, though man be born *like* a wild ass's colt.

[13] If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him; [14] if iniquity *be* in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. [15] For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear: [16] because thou shalt forget *thy* misery, *and* remember *it* as waters *that* pass away:

17 and *thine* age *shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning. 18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig *about thee*, *and* thou shalt take thy rest in safety. 19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make *thee* afraid; yea, many shall *make suit unto thee. 20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and *they shall not escape, and their hope *shall be as* *the giving up of the ghost.

Heb. shall rise above the noonday.

Heb. intreat thy face.

Heb. flight shall perish from them.

Or, a puff of breath.

XII. And Job answered and said,

2 No doubt but ye *are* the people, and wisdom shall die with you! 3 But I have *understanding as well as you; *I *am* not inferior to you: yea, *who knoweth not such things as these? 4 I am *as* one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright *man is* laughed to scorn. 5 He that is ready to slip with *his* feet *is as* a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

Heb. an heart.

Heb. I fall not lower than you.

Heb. with whom are not such as these?

6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*. 7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: 8 or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. 9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? 10 In whose hand *is* the *soul of every living thing, and the breath of *all mankind.

Or, life.

Heb. all flesh of man.

11 Doth not the ear try words? and the *mouth taste his meat? 12 With the ancient *is* wisdom; and

Heb. palate.

in length of days understanding. [13] *With That is, *with God.*
him *is* wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and
understanding. [14] Behold, he breaketh down, and
it cannot be built again: he shutteth *up Heb. *upon.*
a man, and there can be no opening. [15] Behold,
he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also
he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.
[16] With him *is* strength and wisdom: the deceived
and the deceiver *are* his. [17] He leadeth counsellors
away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools. [18] He
looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins
with a girdle. [19] He leadeth princes away spoiled,
and overthroweth the mighty. [20] He removeth
away *the speech of the trusty, and taketh Heb. *the lip of the faithful.*
away the understanding of the aged. [21] He poureth
contempt upon princes, and *weakeneth Or, *looseth the girdle of the strong.*
the strength of the mighty. [22] He discovereth deep
things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light
the shadow of death. [23] He increaseth the nations,
and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations,
and *straiteneth them *again*. [24] He taketh Heb. *leadeth in.*
away the heart of the chief of the people of the
earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness
where there is no way. [25] They grope in the dark
without light, and he maketh them to *stagger
like *a* drunken *man*. Heb. *wander.*

XIII. Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine ear hath
heard and understood it. [2] What ye know, *the
same* do I know also: I *am* not inferior unto you.
[3] Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire
to reason with God. [4] But ye *are* forgers of lies,
ye *are* all physicians of no value. [5] O that ye
would altogether hold your peace! and it should
be your wisdom. [6] Hear now my reasoning, and
hearken to the pleadings of my lips. [7] Will ye

speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for
him? [8] Will ye accept his person? will ye contend
for God? [9] Is it good that he should search you
out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye *so*
mock him? [10] He will surely reprove you, if ye do
secretly accept persons. [11] Shall not his excellency
make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?
[12] Your remembrances *are* like unto ashes, your
bodies to bodies of clay.

[13] * Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may (Heb. *Be silent from me.*)
speak, and let come on me what *will*. [14] Wherefore
do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in
mine hand? [15] Though he slay me, yet will I trust
in him: but I will *maintain mine own (Heb. *prove*, or, *argue.*)
ways before him. [16] He also *shall be* my salvation:
for an hypocrite shall not come before him. [17] Hear
diligently my speech, and my declaration with
your ears. [18] Behold now, I have ordered *my* cause;
I know that I shall be justified. [19] Who *is* he *that*
will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue,
I shall give up the ghost.

[20] Only do not two *things* unto me: then will I not
hide myself from thee. [21] Withdraw thine hand far
from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.
[22] Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me
speak, and answer thou me. [23] How many *are* mine
iniquities and sins? make me to know my trans-
gression and my sin. [24] Wherefore hidest thou thy
face, and holdest me for thine enemy? [25] Wilt thou
break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pur-
sue the dry stubble? [26] For thou writest bitter
things against me, and makest me to possess the
iniquities of my youth. [27] Thou puttest my feet
also in the stocks, and *lookest narrowly (Heb. *observest.*)
unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon

the *heels of my feet. [28] And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten. Heb. *roots.*

XIV. Man *that is* born of a woman *is* *of few days, and full of trouble. Heb. *short of days.* [2] He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. [3] And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? [4]** Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one. Heb. *Who will give?* [5] Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; [6] turn from him, that he may *rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day. Heb. *cease.*

[7] For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. [8] Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; [9] *yet* through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. [10] But man dieth, and *wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he? Heb. *is weakened, or, cut off.* [11] *As* the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: [12] so man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

[13] Oh that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! [14] If a man die, shall he live *again?* all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. [15] Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. [16] For now thou numberest my

steps: dost thou not watch over my sin? 17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling *cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place. 19 The waters wear the stones: thou *washest away the things which grow *out* of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man. 20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away. 21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them. 22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

Heb. fadeth.

Heb. overflowest.

XV. Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

2 Should a wise man utter *vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind? 3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good? 4 Yea, *thou castest off fear, and restrainest *prayer before God. 5 For thy mouth *uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty. 6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

Heb. knowledge of wind.

Heb. thou makest void.

Or, speech.

Heb. teacheth.

7 *Art* thou the first man *that* was born? or wast thou made before the hills? 8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself? 9 What knowest thou, that we know not? *what* understandest thou, which *is* not in us? 10 With us *are* both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father. 11 *Are* the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what
do thy eyes wink at, 13 that thou turnest thy spirit
against God, and lettest *such* words go out of thy
mouth? 14 What *is* man, that he should be clean?
and *he which is* born of a woman, that he should
be righteous? 15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his
saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.
16 How much more abominable and filthy *is* man,
which drinketh iniquity like water?
17 I will shew thee, hear me; and that *which* I have
seen I will declare; 18 which wise men have told
from their fathers, and have not hid *it:* 19 unto
whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger
passed among them.
20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days,
and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.
21 * A dreadful sound *is* in his ears: in pros- Heb. *A sound of fears.*
perity the destroyer shall come upon him. 22 He
believeth not that he shall return out of darkness,
and he is waited for of the sword. 23 He wander-
eth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where *is it?* he
knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his
hand. 24 Trouble and anguish shall make him
afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a
king ready to the battle. 25 For he stretcheth out
his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself
against the Almighty. 26 He runneth upon him,
even on *his* neck, upon the thick bosses of his
bucklers: 27 because he covereth his face with his
fatness, and maketh collops of fat on *his* flanks.
28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, *and* in houses
which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to be-
come heaps. 29 He shall not be rich, neither shall
his substance continue, neither shall he prolong
the perfection thereof upon the earth. 30 He shall

not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence. 32 It shall be *accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green. 33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive. 34 For the congregation of hypocrites *shall be* desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery. 35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth *vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

* Or, *cut off.*

XVI. Then Job answered and said,

2 I have heard many such things: *miserable comforters *are* ye all. 3 Shall *vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest? 4 I also could speak as ye *do:* if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you. 5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should asswage *your grief.*

6 Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and *though* I forbear, *what am I eased? 7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company. 8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a witness *against me:* and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face. 9 He teareth *me* in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me. 10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

* Or, *troublesome.*

* Heb. *words of wind.*

* Heb. *what goeth from me?*

11 God *hath delivered me to the ungodly, (Heb. *hath shut me up.*)
and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.
12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder:
he hath also taken *me* by my neck, and shaken
me to pieces, and set me up for his mark. 13 His
archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my
reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out
my gall upon the ground. 14 He breaketh me with
breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like
a giant.
15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my
horn in the dust. 16 My face is foul with weeping,
and on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death; 17 not
for *any* injustice in mine hands: also my prayer
is pure.
18 O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry
have no place. 19 Also now, behold, my witness *is*
in heaven, and my record *is* *on high. (Heb. *in the high places.*)
20 My friends *scorn me: *but* mine eye poureth (Heb. are *my scorners.*)
out *tears* unto God. 21 O that one might plead for
a man with God, as a man *pleadeth* for his *neighbour!
22 When *a few years are come, (Or, *friend.* Heb. *years of number.*)
then I shall go the way *whence* I shall not return.
XVII. My *breath is corrupt, my days are (Or, *spirit is spent.*)
extinct, the graves *are ready* for me.
2 *Are there* not mockers with me? and doth not mine
eye *continue in their provocation? 3 Lay (Heb. *lodge.*)
down now, put me in a surety with thee; who *is*
he *that* will strike hands with me? 4 For thou
hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore
shalt thou not exalt *them.*
5 He that speaketh flattery to *his* friends, even the
eyes of his children shall fail.
6 He hath made me also a byword of the people;
and *aforetime I was as a tabret. 7 Mine (Or, *before them.*)

eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all *my members *are* as a shadow. [8] Upright *men* shall be astonied at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite. [9] The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands *shall be stronger and stronger. [10] But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find *one* wise *man* among you.

*Or, my thoughts.

*Heb. shall add strength.

[11] My days are past, my purposes are broken off, *even* *the thoughts of my heart. [12] They change the night into day: the light *is* *short because of darkness. [13] If I wait, the grave *is* mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness. [14] I have *said to corruption, Thou *art* my father: to the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my sister. [15] And where *is* now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? [16] They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when *our* rest together *is* in the dust.

*Heb. the possessions.

*Heb. near.

*Heb. cried, or, called.

XVIII. Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

[2] How long *will it be ere* ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak. [3] Wherefore are we counted as beasts, *and* reputed vile in your sight? [4] He teareth *himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

*Heb. his soul.

[5] Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. [6] The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his *candle shall be put out with him. [7] The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down. [8] For he is cast into a

*Or, lamp.

net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.
9 The gin shall take *him* by the heel, *and* the
robber shall prevail against him. 10 The snare *is*
*laid for him in the ground, and a trap for Heb. *hidden.*
him in the way. 11 Terrors shall make him afraid
on every side, and shall *drive him to his Heb. *scatter him.*
feet. 12 His strength shall be hungerbitten, and
destruction *shall be* ready at his side. 13 It shall
devour the *strength of his skin: *even* the Heb. *bars.*
firstborn of death shall devour his strength. 14 His
confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle,
and it shall bring him to the king of terrors. 15 It
shall dwell in his tabernacle, because *it is* none of
his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habi-
tation. 16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and
above shall his branch be cut off. 17 His remem-
brance shall perish from the earth, and he shall
have no name in the street. 18 *He shall Heb. *They shall drive him.*
be driven from light into darkness, and chased out
of the world. 19 He shall neither have son nor
nephew among his people, nor any remaining in
his dwellings. 20 They that come after *him* shall
be astonied at his day, as they that *went Or, *lived with him.*
before *were affrighted. 21 Surely such *are* Heb. *laid hold on horror.*
the dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the place
of him that knoweth not God.

XIX. Then Job answered and said,

2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in
pieces with words? 3 These ten times have ye
reproached me: ye are not ashamed *that* ye *make
yourselves strange to me. 4 And be it Or, *harden yourselves against me.*
indeed *that* I have erred, mine error remaineth
with myself. 5 If indeed ye will magnify *yourselves*
against me, and plead against me my reproach:

6 know now that God hath overthrown me, and
hath compassed me with his net.
7 Behold, I cry out of *wrong, but I am not
heard: I cry aloud, but *there is* no judgment.
8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass,
and he hath set darkness in my paths. 9 He hath
stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown
from my head. 10 He hath destroyed me on every
side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he
removed like a tree. 11 He hath also kindled his
wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him
as *one of* his enemies. 12 His troops come together,
and raise up their way against me, and encamp
round about my tabernacle. 13 He hath put my
brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are
verily estranged from me. 14 My kinsfolks have
failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.
15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids,
count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their
sight. 16 I called my servant, and he gave *me* no
answer; I intreated him with my mouth. 17 My
breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated
for the children's *sake* of *mine own body.
18 Yea, *young children despised me; I arose,
and they spake against me. 19 All *my
inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I
loved are turned against me. 20 My bone cleaveth
to my skin *and to my flesh, and I am escaped
with the skin of my teeth.
21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my
friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.
22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not
satisfied with my flesh?
23 *Oh that my words were now written! oh
that they were printed in a book! 24 that they

*violence.
Heb. *my belly.*
Or, *the wicked.*
Heb. *the men of my secret.*
Or, *as.*
Heb. *Who will give, &c.*

were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

25 For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:
26 *and *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God; 27 whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not *another; *though* my reins be consumed *within me.

Or, *After I shall awake, though this* body *be destroyed, yet out of my flesh shall I see God.*

Heb. *a stranger.* Or, *my reins within me are consumed with earnest desire* [for that day]. Heb. *in my bosom.*

28 But ye should say, Why persecute we him, *seeing the root of the matter is found in me? 29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the sword, that ye may know *there is* a judgment.

Or, *and* what *root of matter is found in me?*

XX. Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for *this* *I make haste. 3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

Heb. *my haste is in me.*

4 Knowest thou *not* this of old, since man was placed upon earth, 5 that the triumphing of the wicked *is* *short, and the joy of the hypocrite *but* for a moment? 6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the *clouds; 7 *yet* he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where *is* he? 8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night. 9 The eye also *which* saw him shall *see him* no more; neither shall his place any more behold him. 10* His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore

Heb. *from near.*

Heb. *cloud.*

Or, *The poor shall oppress his children.*

their goods. [11] His bones are full *of the sin* of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.
[12] Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, *though* he hide it under his tongue; [13] *though* he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still *within his mouth: [14] *yet* his meat in his bowels is turned, *it is* the gall of asps within him. [15] He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

* Heb. *in the midst of his palate.*

[16] He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him. [17] He shall not see the rivers, *the floods, the brooks of honey and butter. [18] That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow *it* down: *according to *his* substance *shall* the restitution *be*, and he shall not rejoice *therein*. [19] Because he hath *oppressed *and* hath forsaken the poor; *because* he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not; [20] surely he shall not *feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired. [21] *There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.

* Or, *streaming brooks.*
* Heb. *according to the substance of his exchange.*
* Heb. *crushed.*
* Heb. *know.*
* Or, *There shall be none left for his meat.*

[22] In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the *wicked shall come upon him. [23] *When* he is about to fill his belly, *God* shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain *it* upon him while he is eating. [24] He shall flee from the iron weapon, *and* the bow of steel shall strike him through. [25] It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: terrors *are* upon him. [26] All darkness *shall be* hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is

* Or, *troublesome.*

left in his tabernacle. [27] The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him. [28] The increase of his house shall depart, *and his goods* shall flow away in the day of his wrath. [29] This *is* the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage *appointed unto him by God. *Heb. *of his decree from God.*

XXI. But Job answered and said,

[2] Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations. [3] Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.

[4] As for me, *is* my complaint to man? and if *it were so*, why should not my spirit be *troubled? *Heb. shortened.*

[5]* Mark me, and be astonished, and lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth. *Heb. Look unto me.* [6] Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

[7] Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? [8] Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. [9] Their houses **are* safe from fear, neither *is* the rod of God upon them. *Heb. are peace from fear.* [10] Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. [11] They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. [12] They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. [13] They spend their days *in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. *Or, in mirth.* [14] Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. [15] What *is* the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

[16] Lo, their good *is* not in their hand: the counsel

of the wicked is far from me. [17] How oft is the [8]candle of the wicked put out? and *how oft* cometh their destruction upon them? *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger. [18] They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm *carrieth away. [19] God layeth up *his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know *it*. [20] His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. [21] For what pleasure *hath* he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

[22] Shall *any* teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

[23] One dieth *in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. [24] His *breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. [25] And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. [26] They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

[27] Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices *which* ye wrongfully imagine against me. [28] For ye say, Where *is* the house of the prince? and where *are* *the dwelling places of the wicked? [29] Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens, [30] that the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to *the day of wrath. [31] Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him *what* he hath done? [32] Yet shall he be brought to the *grave, and shall *remain in the tomb. [33] The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as *there are* innumerable

[8] Or, *lamp.*

Heb. *stealeth away.*

That is, *the punishment of his iniquity.*

Heb. *in his very perfection,* or, *in the strength of his perfection.*

Or, *milk pails.*

Heb. *the tent of the tabernacles of the wicked.*

Heb. *the day of wraths.*

Heb. *graves.*

Heb. *watch in the heap.*

before him. 34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth *falsehood?

Heb. transgression.

XXII. Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 Can a man be profitable unto God, *as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? 3 *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or *is it* gain *to him*, that thou makest thy ways perfect? 4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment? 5 *Is* not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? 6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and *stripped the naked of their clothing. 7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry. 8 But *as for* *the mighty man, he had the earth; and the *honourable man dwelt in it. 9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. 10 Therefore snares *are* round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee; 11 or darkness, *that* thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee.

Or, if he may be profitable, doth his *good success* depend *thereon.*

Heb. stripped the clothes of the naked.

Heb. the man of arm.

Heb. eminent, or, *accepted for countenance.*

12 *Is* not God in the height of heaven? and behold *the height of the stars, how high they are! 13 And thou sayest, *How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? 14 Thick clouds *are* a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven. 15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? 16 which were cut down out of time, *whose foundation was

Heb. the head of the stars.

Or, *What.*

Heb. a flood was poured upon their foundation.

overflown with a flood: [17] which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do *for them? [18] Yet he filled their houses with good *things:* but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. [19] The righteous see *it*, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn. [20] Whereas our *substance is not cut down, but *the remnant of them the fire consumeth.

Or, *to them.*

Or, *estate.*

Or, *their excellency.*

[21] Acquaint now thyself *with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. [22] Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. [23] If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. [24] Then shalt thou lay up gold *as dust, and the *gold* of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. [25] Yea, the Almighty shall be thy *defence, and thou shalt have *plenty of silver. [26] For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. [27] Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. [28] Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. [29] When *men* are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and he shall save *the humble person. [30] *He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

That is, *with God.*

Or, *on the dust.*

Or, *gold.*

Heb. *silver of strength.*

Heb. *him that hath low eyes.*

Or, *The innocent shall deliver the island.*

XXIII. Then Job answered and said,

[2] Even to day *is* my complaint bitter: *my stroke is heavier than my groaning. [3] Oh that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even*

Heb. *my hand.*

to his seat! [4] I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. [5] I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. [6] Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me. [7] There the righteous might dispute with him: so should I be delivered for ever from my judge. [8] Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not *there;* and backward, but I cannot perceive him: [9] on the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold *him:* he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see *him.* [10] But he knoweth *the way that I take: *when* he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. [11] My foot hath held his steps; his way have I kept, and not declined. [12] Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; *I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than *my necessary *food.*

Heb. *the way* that is *with me.*

Heb. *I have hid,* or, *laid up.*

Or, *my appointed portion.*

[13] But he *is* in one *mind,* and who can turn him? and *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth. [14] For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things are* with him. [15] Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him. [16] For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me: [17] because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness of my face.

XXIV. Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days? [2] *Some* remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and *feed *thereof.* [3] They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge. [4] They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide

Or, *feed* them.

themselves together. [5] Behold, *as* wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yieldeth* food for them, *and* for *their* children. [6] They reap *every one* his *corn in the field: and *they gather the vintage of the wicked. [7] They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that *they have* no covering in the cold. [8] They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

*Heb. mingled corn, or, dredge.
*Heb. the wicked gather the vintage.

[9] They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor. [10] They cause *him* to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf *from* the hungry; [11] *which* make oil within their walls, *and* tread *their* winepresses, and suffer thirst. [12] Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly *to them.*

[13] They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof. [14] The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief. [15] The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and *disguiseth *his* face. [16] In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light. [17] For the morning *is* to them even as the shadow of death: if *one* know *them*, *they are in* the terrors of the shadow of death. [18] He *is* swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth; he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

*Heb. setteth his face in secret.

[19] Drought and heat *consume the snow waters: *so doth* the grave *those which* have sinned. [20] The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed

*Heb. violently take.

sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil entreateth the barren *that* beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow. 22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, *and no *man* is sure of life. 23 *Though* it be given him *to be* in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes *are* upon their ways. 24 They are exalted for a little while, but *are gone and brought low; they are *taken out of the way as all *other*, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn. 25 And if *it be* not *so* now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

*Or, he trusteth not his own life.

*Heb. are not.

*Heb. closed up.

XXV. Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 Dominion and fear *are* with him, he maketh peace in his high places. 3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise? 4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman? 5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. 6 How much less man, *that is* a worm? and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

XXVI. But Job answered and said,

2 How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? *how* savest thou the arm *that hath* no strength? 3 How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom? and *how* hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is? 4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

5 Dead *things* are formed from under the waters, *and the inhabitants thereof. 6 Hell *is* naked

*Or, with the inhabitants.

before him, and destruction hath no covering. 7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing. 8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. 9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, *and* spreadeth his cloud upon it. 10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, *until the day and night come to an end. 11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. 12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through *the proud. 13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens: his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. 14 Lo, these *are* parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

* Heb. *until the end of light with darkness.*

* Heb. *pride.*

XXVII. Moreover Job *continued his parable, and said,

* Heb. *added to take up.*

2 *As* God liveth, *who* hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, *who* hath *vexed my soul; 3 all the while my breath *is* in me, and *the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils; 4 my lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. 5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach *me* *so long as I live. 7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

* Heb. *made my soul bitter.*

* That is, *the breath which God gave him.*

* Heb. *from my days.*

8 For what *is* the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? 9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon

him? [10] Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

[11] I will teach you *by the hand of God: *that* which *is* with the Almighty will I not conceal. [12] Behold, all ye yourselves have seen *it;* why then are ye thus altogether vain? [13] This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, *which* they shall receive of the Almighty. [14] If his children be multiplied, *it is* for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. [15] Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep. [16] Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay; [17] he may prepare *it*, but the just shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. [18] He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth *that* the keeper maketh. [19] The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not. [20] Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night. [21] The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place. [22] For *God* shall cast upon him, and not spare: *he would fain flee out of his hand. [23] *Men* shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

* Or, being *in the hand, &c.*

* Heb. *in fleeing he would flee.*

XXVIII. Surely there is *a vein for the silver, and a place for gold *where* they fine *it.* [2] Iron is taken out of the *earth, and brass *is* molten *out of* the stone. [3] He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death. [4] The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; *even the waters* forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are

* Or, *a mine.*

* Or, *dust.*

gone away from men. [5] *As for* the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire. [6] The stones of it *are* the place of sapphires: and it hath *dust of gold. Or, *gold ore.*

[7] *There is* a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: [8] the lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. [9] He putteth forth his hand upon the *rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots. Or, *flint.*

[10] He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing. [11] He bindeth the floods *from overflowing; and *the thing that* *is* hid bringeth he forth to light. Heb. *from weeping.*

[12] But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding? [13] Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. [14] The depth saith, It *is* not in me: and the sea saith, *It is* not with me. [15] *It Heb. *Fine gold shall not be given for it.*
cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof. [16] It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. [17] The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* *jewels of fine gold. [18] No mention shall Or, *vessels of fine gold.*
be made of *coral, or of pearls: for the Or, *Ramoth.*
price of wisdom *is* above rubies. [19] The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

[20] Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding? [21] Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the *air. [22] Destruction and death Or, *heaven.*
say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

[23] God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. [24] For he looketh to the ends

of the earth, *and* seeth under the whole heaven;
25 to make the weight for the winds; and he
weigheth the waters by measure. 26 When he
made a decree for the rain, and a way for the
lightning of the thunder: 27 then did he see it,
and *declare it; he prepared it, yea, and
searched it out. 28 And unto man he said, Behold,
the fear of the LORD, that *is* wisdom; and to
depart from evil *is* understanding.

*Or, number it.

XXIX. Moreover Job *continued his para-
ble and said,

*Heb. added to take up.

2 Oh that I were as *in* months past, as *in* the days
when God preserved me; 3 when his *candle
shined upon my head, *and when* by his light
I walked *through* darkness; 4 as I was in the days
of my youth, when the secret of God *was* upon
my tabernacle; 5 when the Almighty *was* yet with
me, *when* my children *were* about me; 6 when
I washed my steps with butter, and the rock
poured *me out rivers of oil!

*Or, lamp.

*Heb. with me.

7 When I went out to the gate through the city, *when*
I prepared my seat in the street; 8 the young men
saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose,
and stood up. 9 The princes refrained talking, and
laid *their* hand on their mouth. 10 *The
nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved
to the roof of their mouth. 11 When the ear heard
me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw
me, it gave witness to me: 12 because I delivered
the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and *him
that had* none to help him. 13 The blessing of him
that was ready to perish came upon me: and I
caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. 14 I put
on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judg-

*Heb. The voice of the nobles was hid.

ment *was* as a robe and a diadem. [15] I was eyes to the blind, and feet *was* I to the lame. [16] I *was* a father to the poor: and the cause *which* I knew not I searched out. [17] And I brake *the jaws of the wicked, and *plucked the spoil out of his teeth. *Heb. the jawteeth, or, the grinders.* *Heb. cast.*

[18] Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days as the sand. [19] My root *was* *spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. [20] My glory *was* *fresh in me, and my bow was *renewed in my hand. [21] Unto me *men* gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. [22] After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them. [23] And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide *as* for the latter rain. [24] *If* I laughed on them, they believed *it* not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down. [25] I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one *that* comforteth the mourners. *Heb. opened.* *Heb. new.* *Heb. changed.*

XXX. But now *they that are* *younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock. [2] Yea, whereto *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in whom old age was perished? [3] For want and famine *they were* *solitary; fleeing into the wilderness *in former time desolate and waste. [4] Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots *for* their meat. [5] They were driven forth from among *men*, (they cried after them as *after* a thief;) [6] to dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, *in* *caves of the earth, and *in* the rocks. [7] Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. *Heb. of fewer days than I.* *Or, dark as the night.* *Heb. yesternight.* *Heb. holes.*

[8] *They were* children of fools, yea, children of *base men: they were viler than the earth. *Heb. men of no name.*
[9] And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.
[10] They abhor me, they flee far from me, *and spare not to spit in my face. [11] Because he *Heb. and withhold not spittle from my face.* hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me. [12] Upon *my* right *hand* rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction. [13] They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper. [14] They came *upon me* as a wide breaking in *of waters:* in the desolation they rolled themselves *upon me.* [15] Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue *my *Heb. my principal one.* soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.
[16] And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me. [17] My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest. [18] By the great force *of my disease* is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat. [19] He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.
[20] I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me *not.* [21] Thou art *become cruel to me: with *thy *Heb. turned to be cruel.* *Heb. the strength of thy hand.* strong hand thou opposest thyself against me. [22] Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride *upon it,* and dissolvest my *sub- *Or, wisdom.* stance. [23] For I know *that* thou wilt bring me *to* death, and *to* the house appointed for all living. [24] Howbeit he will not stretch out *his* hand to the *grave, though they cry in *Heb. heap.* his destruction.

25 Did not I weep *for him that was in trouble? was *not* my soul grieved for the poor? *Heb. for him that was hard of day.*
26 When I looked for good, then evil came *unto me:* and when I waited for light, there came darkness. 27 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me. 28 I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, *and* I cried in the congregation. 29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to *owls. 30 My *Or, ostriches.* skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. 31 My harp also is *turned* to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

XXXI. I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? 2 For what portion of God *is there* from above? and *what* inheritance of the Almighty from on high? 3 *Is* not destruction to the wicked? and a strange *punishment* to the workers of iniquity? 4 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit; 6 *let me be weighed *Heb. let him weigh me in balances of justice.* in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity. 7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands; 8 *then* let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or *if* I have laid wait at my neighbour's door; 10 *then* let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her. 11 For this *is* an heinous crime; yea, it *is* an iniquity *to be punished by* the judges. 12 For it *is* a fire *that* consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of

my maidservant, when they contended with me;
14 what then shall I do when God riseth up? and
when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? 15 Did
not he that made me in the womb make him?
and *did not one fashion us in the womb?

*Or, did he not fashion us in one womb?

16 If I have withheld the poor from *their* desire, or
have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; 17 or
have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the father-
less hath not eaten thereof; 18 (for from my youth
he was brought up with me, as *with* a father, and
I have guided *her from my mother's womb;) 19 if I have seen any perish for want of
clothing, or any poor without covering; 20 if his
loins have not blessed me, and *if* he were *not*
warmed with the fleece of my sheep; 21 if I have
lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when
I saw my help in the gate: 22 *then* let mine arm
fall from my shoulderblade, and mine arm be
broken from *the bone. 23 For destruction
from God *was* a terror to me, and by reason of his
highness I could not endure.

*That is, the widow.

*Or, the chanel-bone.

24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the
fine gold, *Thou art* my confidence; 25 if I rejoiced
because my wealth *was* great, and because mine
hand had *gotten much; 26 if I beheld
*the sun when it shined, or the moon walk-
ing *in* brightness; 27 and my heart hath
been secretly enticed, or *my mouth
hath kissed my hand: 28 this also *were* an iniquity
to be punished by the judge: for I should have
denied the God *that is* above.

*Heb. found much.

*Heb. the light.

*Heb. bright.

*Heb. my hand hath kissed my mouth.

29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated
me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:
30 neither have I suffered *my mouth to sin

*Heb. my palate.

by wishing a curse to his soul. [31] If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied. [32] The stranger did not lodge in the street: *but* I opened my doors *to the traveller. [33] If I covered my transgressions *as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom: [34] did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, *and* went not out of the door?

Or, to the way.

Or, after the manner of men.

[35] Oh that one would hear me! *behold, my desire *is*, *that* the Almighty would answer me, and *that* mine adversary had written a book. [36] Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, *and* bind it *as* a crown to me. [37] I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.

Or, behold, my sign is that the Almighty will answer me.

[38] If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof *complain; [39] if I have eaten *the fruits thereof without money, or have *caused the owners thereof to lose their life: [40] let thistles grow instead of wheat, and *cockle instead of barley.

Heb. *weep.*

Heb. *the strength thereof.*

Heb. *caused the soul of the owners thereof to expire,* or, *breathe out.*

Or, *noisome weeds.*

The words of Job are ended.

XXXII. So these three men ceased *to answer Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes.

Heb. *from answering.*

[2] Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified *himself rather than God. [3] Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job. [4] Now Elihu had *waited till Job had spoken, because they *were* *elder than he. [5] When Elihu saw

Heb. *his soul.*

Heb. *expected Job in words.*

Heb. *elder for days.*

that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wrath was kindled. [6]And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said,

I *am* *young, and ye *are* very old; wherefore Heb. *few of days.*
I was afraid, and *durst not shew you Heb. *feared.*
mine opinion. [7]I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. [8]But *there is* a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. [9]Great men are not *always* wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. [10]Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.

[11]Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your *reasons, whilst ye searched out *what Heb. *understandings.* Heb. *words.*
to say. [12]Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, *there was* none of you that convinced Job, *or* that answered his words: [13]lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man. [14]Now he hath not *directed Heb. *ordered his words.*
his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

[15]They were amazed, they answered no more: *they left off speaking. [16]When I had Heb. *they removed speeches from themselves.*
waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, *and* answered no more;) [17]*I said,*

I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion. [18]For I am full of *matter, the Heb. *words.*
*spirit within me constraineth me. [19]Be- Heb. *spirit of my belly.*
hold, my belly *is* as wine *which* *hath no Heb. *is not opened.*
vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. [20]I will speak, *that I may be refreshed: I Heb. *that I may breathe.*
will open my lips and answer. [21]Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. [22]For I know not

to give flattering titles; *in so doing* my maker would soon take me away.

XXXIII. Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words. [2] Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken *in my mouth. [3] My words *shall be* *of* the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly. [4] The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. [5] If thou canst answer me, set *thy words* in order before me, stand up.

[6] Behold, I *am* *according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am *formed out of the clay. [7] Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee. [8] Surely thou hast spoken *in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *saying*, [9] I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me. [10] Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy. [11] He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

[12] Behold, *in* this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man. [13] Why dost thou strive against him? for *he giveth not account of any of his matters. [14] For God speaketh once, yea twice, *yet man* perceiveth it not. [15] In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; [16] then *he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, [17] that he may withdraw man *from his* *purpose, and hide pride from man. [18] He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life *from perishing by the sword. [19] He is chastened also

Heb. *according to thy mouth.*
Heb. *cut out of the clay.*
Heb. *in mine ears.*
Heb. *he answereth not.*
Heb. *he revealeth*, or, *uncovereth.*
Heb. *work.*
Heb. *from passing by the sword.*

with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong *pain:* [20] so that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul *dainty meat. Heb. *meat of desire.*
[21] His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones *that* were not seen stick out.
[22] Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.
[23] If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness: [24] then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found *a ransom. [25] His flesh shall Or, *an atonement.* be fresher *than a child's: he shall return Heb. *than childhood.* to the days of his youth: [26] he shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness. [27]* He looketh upon Or, *He shall look upon men, and* men, and *if any* say, I have sinned, and *say, I have sinned, &c.* perverted *that which was* right, and it profited me not; [28]* he will deliver his soul Or, *he hath delivered my soul, &c. and my life.* from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.
[29] Lo, all these *things* worketh God *often- Heb. *twice* and *thrice.* times with man, [30] to bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.
[31] Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak. [32] If thou hast anything to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.
[33] If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

XXXIV. Furthermore Elihu answered and said,

[2] Hear my words, O ye wise *men;* and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge. [3] For the ear trieth

words, as the *mouth tasteth meat. 4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what *is* good. *Heb. palate.*

5 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment. 6 Should I lie against my right? *my wound *is* incurable without transgression. *Heb. mine arrow.* 7 What man *is* like Job, *who* drinketh up scorning like water? 8 which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men. 9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.

10 Therefore hearken unto me, *ye men of understanding: far be it from God, *that he should do* wickedness; and *from* the Almighty, *that he should commit* iniquity. *Heb. men of heart.* 11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to *his* ways. 12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment. 13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed *the whole world? *Heb. all of it.* 14 If he set his heart *upon man, *if* he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; *Heb. upon him.* 15 all flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

16 If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words. 17 Shall even he that hateth right *govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just? *Heb. bind.* 18 *Is it fit* to say to a king, *Thou art* wicked? *and* to princes, *Ye are* ungodly? 19 *How much less to him* that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all *are* the work of his hands. 20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass

away: and *the mighty shall be taken away without hand. [21] For his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. [22] *There is* no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. [23] For he will not lay upon man more *than right;* that he should *enter into judgment with God. [24] He shall break in pieces mighty men *without number, and set others in their stead. [25] Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth *them* in the night, so that they are *destroyed. [26] He striketh them as wicked men *in the open sight of others; [27] because they turned back *from him, and would not consider any of his ways: [28] so that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted. [29] When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth *his* face, who then can behold him? whether *it be done* against a nation, or against a man only: [30] that the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

Heb. *they shall take away the mighty.*
Heb. *go.*
Heb. *without searching out.*
Heb. *crushed.*
Heb. *in the place of beholders.*
Heb. *from after him.*

[31] Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne *chastisement,* I will not offend *any more:* [32] *that which* I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. [33] *Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest. [34] Let men *of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me. [35] Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words *were* without wisdom. [36] *My desire *is that* Job may be tried unto the end because of *his* answers for wicked men. [37] For he addeth rebellion unto his

Heb. Should it be *from with thee?*
Heb. *of heart.*
Or, *My father, let Job be tried.*

sin, he clappeth *his hands* among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

XXXV. Elihu spake moreover, and said,

2 Thinkest thou this to be right, *that* thou saidst, My righteousness *is* more than God's? 3 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? *and*, What profit shall I have, **if I be cleansed* from my sin? Or, by it *more than by my sin.*

4 *I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee. Heb. *I will return to thee words.* 5 Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds *which* are higher than thou. 6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or *if* thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him? 7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand? 8 Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou *art;* and thy righteousness *may profit* the son of man.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make *the oppressed* to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty. 10 But none saith, Where *is* God my maker, who giveth songs in the night; 11 who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven? 12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it. 14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, *yet* judgment *is* before him; therefore trust thou in him. 15 But now, because *it is* not *so*, *he hath visited in his anger; That is, *God.* yet *he knoweth *it* not in great extremity: That is, *Job.* 16 therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

XXXVI. Elihu also proceeded, and said,
2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee *that *I have* yet to speak on God's behalf. 3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. 4 For truly my words *shall* not *be* false: he that is perfect in knowledge *is* with thee.
5 Behold, God *is* mighty, and despiseth not *any; he is* mighty in strength *and* *wisdom. 6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the *poor. 7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings *are they* on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted. 8 And if *they be* bound in fetters, *and* be holden in cords of affliction; 9 then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded. 10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity. 11 If they obey and serve *him*, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. 12 But if they obey not, *they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.
13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them. 14 *They die in youth, and their life *is* among the *unclean. 15 He delivereth the *poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.
16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait *into* a broad place, where *there is* no straitness; and *that which should be set on thy table *should be* full of fatness. 17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: *judgment and justice take hold *on thee.* 18 Because *there is* wrath, *beware* lest he take thee

Heb. *that* there are *yet words for God.*
Heb. *heart.*
Or, *afflicted.*
Heb. *they shall pass away by the sword.*
Heb. *Their soul dieth.*
Or, *sodomites.*
Or, *afflicted.*
Heb. *the rest of thy table.*
Or, *judgment and justice should uphold* thee.

away with *his* stroke: then a great ransom cannot *deliver thee. [19] Will he esteem thy riches? *no*, not gold, nor all the forces of strength. [20] Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place. [21] Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

[22] Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him? [23] Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity? [24] Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold. [25] Every man may see it; man may behold *it* afar off.

[26] Behold, God *is* great, and we know *him* not, neither can the number of his years be searched out. [27] For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: [28] which the clouds do drop *and* distil upon man abundantly. [29] Also can *any* understand the spreadings of the clouds, *or* the noise of his tabernacle? [30] Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth *the bottom of the sea. [31] For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance. [32] With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it *not to shine* by *the cloud* that cometh betwixt. [33] The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning *the vapour.

Heb. *turn thee aside.*

Heb. *the roots.*

Heb. *that which goeth up.*

XXXVII. At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place. [2] *Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound *that* goeth out of his mouth. [3] He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his *lightning unto the *ends of the earth. [4] After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency: and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

Heb. *Hear in hearing.*

Heb. *light.*
Heb. *wings of the earth.*

[5] God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great

things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.
6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou *on* the earth;
*likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength. 7 He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work. 8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places. 9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the *north. 10 By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened. 11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth *his bright cloud: 12 and it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth. 13 He causeth it to come, whether for *correction, or for his land, or for mercy.

Heb. *and to the shower of rain, and to the showers of rain of his strength.*

Heb. *Out of the chamber.*

Heb. *scattering winds.*

Heb. *the cloud of his light.*

Heb. *a rod.*

14 Hearken unto this, O Job; stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. 15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine? 16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge? 17 How thy garments *are* warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south *wind?* 18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, *which is* strong, *and* as a molten looking glass? 19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; *for* we cannot order *our speech* by reason of darkness. 20 Shall it be told him that I speak? If a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.
21 And now *men* see not the bright light which *is* in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them. 22 *Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God *is* terrible majesty. 23 *Touching* the Almighty, we cannot find him out: *he is* ex-

Heb. *Gold.*

cellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict. [24] Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any *that are* wise of heart.

XXXVIII. Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

[2] Who *is* this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? [3] Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and *answer thou me. *Heb. make me know.*

[4] Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, *if thou hast understanding. *Heb. if thou knowest understanding.*

[5] Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? [6] Whereupon are the *foundations thereof *fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; *Heb. sockets.* *Heb. made to sink.*

[7] when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

[8] Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, *as if* it had issued out of the womb? [9] when I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, [10] and *brake up for it my decreed *place*, and set bars and doors, *Or, established my decree upon it.*

[11] and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall *thy proud waves be stayed? *Heb. the pride of thy waves.*

[12] Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; *and* caused the dayspring to know his place; [13] that it might take hold of the *ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? *Heb. wings.*

[14] It is turned as clay *to* the seal; and they stand as a garment. [15] And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.

16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or
hast thou walked in the search of the depth?
17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee?
or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of
death? 18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the
earth? declare if thou knowest it all.
19 Where *is* the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for*
darkness, where *is* the place thereof, 20 that thou
shouldest take it *to the bound thereof, and Or, *at.*
that thou shouldest know the paths *to* the house
thereof? 21 Knowest thou *it*, because thou wast
then born? or *because* the number of thy days
is great?
22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?
or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, 23 which
I have reserved against the time of trouble, against
the day of battle and war?
24 By what way is the light parted, *which* scattereth
the east wind upon the earth? 25 Who hath divided
a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or
a way for the lightning of thunder; 26 to cause it
to rain on the earth, *where* no man *is; on* the
wilderness, wherein *there is* no man; 27 to satisfy
the desolate and waste *ground;* and to cause the
bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the
drops of dew? 29 Out of whose womb came the
ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath
gendered it? 30 The waters are hid as *with* a stone,
and the face of the deep *is frozen. Heb. *is taken.*
31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of *Pleiades,
or loose the bands of *Orion? Or, *the seven stars.* Heb. *Cimah.* Heb. *Cesil.*
32 Canst thou bring forth *Mazzaroth in Or, *the twelve signs.*
his season? or canst thou *guide Arcturus Heb. *guide them.*
with his sons? 33 Knowest thou the ordinances of

heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? 35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, *Here we *are?* 36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? 37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or * who can stay the bottles of heaven, 38 * when the dust * groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?

Heb. *Behold us.*

Heb. *who can cause to lie down.*

Or, *when the dust is turned into mire.*

Heb. *is poured.*

39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill * the appetite of the young lions, 40 when they couch in *their* dens, *and* abide in the covert to lie in wait? 41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

Heb. *the life.*

XXXIX. Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? *or* canst thou mark when the hinds do calve? 2 Canst thou number the months *that* they fulfil? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth? 3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows. 4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them.

5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass? 6 whose house I have made the wilderness, and the * barren land his dwellings. 7 He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying * of the driver. 8 The range of the mountains *is* his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.

Heb. *salt places.*

Heb. *of the exactor.*

9 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide
by thy crib? 10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with
his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the
valleys after thee? 11 Wilt thou trust him, because
his strength *is* great? or wilt thou leave thy labour
to him? 12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will
bring home thy seed, and gather *it into* thy barn?
13 *Gavest thou* the goodly wings unto the peacocks?
or *wings and feathers unto the ostrich? Or, *the feathers of the stork and ostrich.*
14 which leaveth her eggs in the earth,
and warmeth them in dust, 15 and forgetteth that
the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast
may break them. 16 She is hardened against her
young ones, as though *they were* not her's: her
labour is in vain without fear; 17 because God
hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he
imparted to her understanding. 18 What time she
lifted up herself on high, she scorneth the horse
and his rider.
19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou
clothed his neck with thunder? 20 Canst thou
make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of
his nostrils *is* terrible. 21 * He paweth Heb. *terrors.* Or, His feet *dig.*
in the valley, and rejoiceth in *his* strength: he
goeth on to meet *the armed men. 22 He Heb. *the armour.*
mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither
turneth he back from the sword. 23 The quiver
rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the
shield. 24 He swalloweth the ground with fierce-
ness and rage: neither believeth he that *it is* the
sound of the trumpet. 25 He saith among the
trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar
off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, *and* stretch her
wings toward the south? 27 Doth the eagle mount

up *at thy command, and make her nest on high? [28] She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. [29] From thence she seeketh the prey, *and* her eyes behold afar off. [30] Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain *are*, there *is* she.

*Heb. by thy mouth.

XL. Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,

[2] Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct *him?* he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

[3] Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

[4] Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. [5] Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

[6] Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

[7] Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. [8] Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous? [9] Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him? [10] Deck thyself now *with* majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty. [11] Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one *that is* proud, and abase him. [12] Look on every one *that is* proud, *and* bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. [13] Hide them in the dust together; *and* bind their faces in secret. [14] Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

[15] Behold now *behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. [16] Lo now, his

*Or, *the elephant*, as some think.

strength *is* in his loins, and his force *is* in the navel of his belly. [17]* He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. [18] His bones *are as* strong pieces of brass; his bones *are* like bars of iron. [19] He *is* the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach *unto him.* [20] Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play. [21] He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens. [22] The shady trees cover him *with* their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. [23] Behold, *he drinketh up a river, *and* hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth. [24]* He taketh it with his eyes: *his* nose pierceth through snares.

Heb. *He setteth up.*

Heb. *he oppresseth.*

Or, *Will* any *take him in his sight*, or, *bore* his *nose with a gin?*

XLI. Canst thou draw out *leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord *which* thou lettest down? [2] Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? [3] Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft *words* unto thee? [4] Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever? [5] Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? [6] Shall thy companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants? [7] Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? [8] Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. [9] Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not *one* be cast down even at the sight of him? [10] None *is so* fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me? [11] Who hath prevented me,

That is, *a whale*, or, *a whirlpool.*

Heb. which *thou drownest.*

that I should repay *him? whatsoever is* under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion. 13 Who can discover the face of his garment? *or* who can come *to him* *with his double bridle? 14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about. 15 *His* *scales are *his* pride, shut up together *as with* a close seal. 16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them. 17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered. 18 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning. 19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out. 20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as *out* of a seething pot or caldron. 21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. 22 In his neck remaineth strength, and *sorrow is turned into joy before him. 23 *The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves: they cannot be moved. 24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether *millstone.*

Or, *within.*

Heb. *strong pieces of shields.*

Heb. *sorrow rejoiceth.*

Heb. *The fallings.*

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves. 26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the *haber- geon. 27 He esteemeth iron as straw, *and* brass as rotten wood. 28 The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble. 29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear. 30 *Sharp stones *are* under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire. 31 He maketh the deep to boil

Or, *breast-plate.*

Heb. *sharp pieces of potsherd.*

like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment. 32 He maketh a path to shine after him: *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary. 33 Upon earth there is not his like, *who is made without fear. 34 He beholdeth all high *things:* he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

*Or, who behave themselves without fear.

XLII. Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do every *thing*, and *that* *no thought can be withholden from thee. 3 Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. 4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. 5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. 6 Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes.

*Or, no thought of thine can be hindered.

7 AND it was *so*, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath*. 8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering: and my servant Job shall pray for you: for *him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my servant Job.

*Heb. his face, or, person.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted *Job.

*Heb. the face of Job.

10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD *gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

* Heb. *added all that* had been *to Job unto the double.*

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters. 14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch. 15 And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations. 17 So Job died, *being* old and full of days.

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